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A CLEAN SWEEP

THEFT AT CLARENDON HOUSE

The electric sweeper used at Ramsgate municipal buildings was recently stolen from Clarendon House.

The Finance Committee of the Town Council, having considered the circumstances in which it was stolen and "the arrangements made for the supervision and security of the offices outside office hours," have authorised the Borough Treasurer to buy a secondhand one to replace it and have requested the chairman (Alderman J. J. White) and the vice-chairman (Councillor P. Turner) to consider the question of the supervision and security of the buildings in consultation with the Town Clerk and Borough Treasurer.

NO SURPRISE GAS TESTS

A report of the Civil Defence Committee to be presented to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday contains the following recommendation:

"That no further gas exercises be held without the specific instruction of this committee unless an instruction as distinct from a request to hold gas exercises is received from the Regional Commissioner.

The committee passed the resolution after hearing a report from the Sub-Controller (Mr. S. F. Butler) regarding the tear gas tests recently carried out in the town.

TUNNEL DRAINAGE DROPPED

Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee have at last dropped the question of providing a water borne system of drainage in the main tunnel shelter.

In reply to their latest application for sanction to instal main drainage the Senior Regional Officer of the Ministry of Health stated that the heavy expenditure involved would not be justified since, in the event of heavy bombing, it is not improbable that the mains water supply would be put out of action and it would be necessary to adopt the most stringent methods of conserving water supplies.

MORE GROUPS

SAVINGS MOVEMENT SPREADS IN RAMSGATE

There are now approximately 80 groups within the Ramsgate National Savings Movement.

Ever since War Weapons Week the number of groups has steadily grown, thanks chiefly to the enthusiasm of a few members of the Savings Committee.

The scope of the work is now so large that it can no longer be left to the few and at a meeting of group secretaries last week it was decided to appoint a committee.

The committee is as follows: Mr. T. B. H. Tisdell (chairman), Mrs. E. Carthew (hon. secretary), Mrs. Farnsworth, Mrs. Newman, Mr. E. Church, Mr. W. P. Sanders, Mr. F. W. Griggs, and Mrs. N. Hartley.

Each member of the committee will be appointed to represent a particular district and they will keep in touch with group secretaries and give them help and advice.

As from next week the Friday session at the Selling Centre in King-street will be discontinued. The centre will be open on Mondays from 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and on Saturday from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

LICENSEES' GRIEVANCE

At a conference held at Ashford, Kent Federation of Licensees passed a resolution demanding a 25 per cent. reduction of the license duty owing to shortage of commodities.

It was also agreed to seek the support of all associations in the United Kingdom for the resolution.

"It is impossible on the wages our customers are getting at the present time," said Alderman H. A. Hodge, of Gravesend, "for them to pay the extra price on beer."

Alderman Hodge also emphasised that licensees were paying duty for commodities they could not obtain.

PUBLIC NOTICES

MARY ANN HUGHES, deceased

ALL persons having any claim or demand against the estate of the above named MARY ANN HUGHES of Swanley Tea Rooms, Maidstone-road, Swanley, Kent, and of 1 Ethelbert-road, Ramsgate, Kent, who died on the 23rd day of November 1941 should give notice thereof in writing to Alfred Hughes of St. Raphael, Gousewood-road, Hartley, Kent, the Administrator of the estate of the said deceased or to the undersigned solicitors on or before the 8th day of July 1942 after which date the said Administrator will distribute the deceased's estate among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has then been received by him or the said solicitors.

Dated this 29th day of April 1942.

WOTTON & YOUNG
Solicitors for the Administrator

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RATE REMISSION

CONSIDERED AT BROADSTAIRS

The Finance Committee of Broadstairs Council have considered the action to be taken regarding rates payable by owners of property in cases where less than the normal rent is received and also where no rent is received consequent upon the evacuation of tenants who remain in possession.

In regard to premises let at an inclusive rental which are still occupied by furniture although the tenant has evacuated from the district and has not paid or is not paying full rent, the committee agreed, subject to being satisfied as to the bona fides of each individual case, to remit the whole or such part of the rates payable as may be deemed appropriate "having regard to all the facts of each case."

Regarding cases where arrears of rates are still outstanding for the period ended 31st March, 1942, in respect of premises where the inclusive rent is less than the normal rent payable prior to the outbreak of hostilities, the committee agreed to consider applications from owners, accompanied by detailed supporting evidence, for the remission under Section 2 (4) of the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, of the whole or part of the rates due.

In any instance during the current rating period, where the rent of premises let at an inclusive rental is less than the normal the committee decided to advise owners to make a proposal for the assessment of the premises to be reduced to a figure based on the amount of rent now received. If the Assessment Committee do not approve an assessment calculated in that manner, the committee will be prepared to receive applications, supported by detailed evidence, for the remission of the whole or part of the rates due, and consider them on their merits.

MARGATE MASONIC LOSS

DEATH OF MR. F. BLAKE

A well-known Margate Freemason, Mr. Frederick Blake, builder, of 41 Hawley-square, passed away last week.

Elected Worshipful Master of the St. John's Thanet Lodge, No. 2753, for the year 1915, Mr. Blake received provincial honours as Past Grand Senior Deacon for Kent in 1925. Since 1927 he had been secretary of the lodge and at the time of his death was acting as secretary to the three Margate lodges which have combined their meetings for the duration of the war.

The funeral is taking place by cremation at Charing to-day.

It was Mr. Blake's wish that no floral tributes should be sent but that in their place donations should be made to masonic charities.

MISSING CLOCK

LOOTING CHARGE AT MARGATE

At Margate police court on Friday L/Bdr. Thomas John Long, aged 28, stationed at Ramsgate, was charged with stealing, about 7th January, a clock in a glass case, value £2, the property of Isle of Thanet Hotels Ltd., from the Queen's Highcliffe Hotel, Margate, which had been damaged by enemy action.

D/S Presland said that the previous Monday he saw defendant in Ramsgate and told him he was making enquiries respecting a clock reported stolen from the Queen's Highcliffe Hotel in January, and that he had reason to believe he was in possession of a clock. Defendant replied "I had a clock which I picked up off a heap of rubbish outside the hotel and I threw it over the cliff." Witness asked defendant if he had not sent the clock home and he answered "No. I threw it over the cliff."

The officer said he again saw defendant that morning and told him the police had recovered a clock from the home of his mother which answered the description of the one stolen from the hotel. Defendant then said "I sent it home. I didn't steal it." He was taken to the police station and when charged said "I took it from a heap of rubbish outside the hotel."

On the application of Chief Inspr. Fleet, defendant was remanded in custody for a week, bail being allowed.

MINISTRY ANTICIPATED

The Controller of Salvage, Ministry of Supply, having pointed out to Broadstairs Council the desirability of salvaging waste paper from unoccupied houses, the Surveyor (Mr. S. W. Richardson) has reported that as long ago as November, 1941, he contacted local estate agents and the owners of unoccupied premises and, with their concurrence, removed all waste paper from them.

CONTROL OF THE N.F.S.

With a view to some system being devised which would give local authorities some responsibility for the National Fire Service and some power to examine and control the organisation, administration and expenditure, a conference is being held by the Kent Borough and Urban District Councils Association at Maidstone to-morrow.

Councillor B. J. Pearson, of Broadstairs, is chairman of the association, and Councillors B. Humphrey, G. W. Lane and E. K. Minter have been appointed to represent Broadstairs Council at the conference.

Military Plead Ignorance

CIVIL DEFENCE PERMITS

Although Civil Defence labels which permit cars to be used within five miles of the coast were instituted at the request of the military authorities, a lieutenant and a private, stationed at Minster, told Ramsgate magistrates on Monday that they had no knowledge of the regulation.

The private, James Thomas Keen, aged 24, was summoned for using a motor cycle which was not insured against third party risks and there was a further summons for using the machine without a permit within the five-mile strip.

P/C Bates said he stopped defendant in High-street, St. Lawrence, on 3rd April as there was no permit exhibited on the machine. Asked about a permit defendant replied "I did not know I had to have one." When asked for his policy of insurance he replied "I have not got one. I bought the motor cycle only three weeks ago and brought it down to Minster about a week ago. I have been very worried because my wife has been ill and is expecting a baby. I brought the motor cycle down so that I could get home easily."

Defendant told the magistrates that the matter of the insurance slipped his mind and he was ignorant of the regulations regarding permits.

The lieutenant, called by defendant as a witness, said no orders had been issued to them concerning the necessity for permits and no orders on the subject had been received from Division. He himself bought a motor cycle three weeks previously and he did not know he had to have a defence label. It was not until Pte. Keen's case came about that orders were issued to the battalion. Keen was a man of good character.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said Civil Defence permits came into being because of military pressure. It rather surprised him to hear that no orders had been issued on the subject.

In reply to the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight), Chief Inspr. Butcher said he was prepared to withdraw the two summonses. He did not think defendant would be granted a permit to use a motor cycle in the area.

Defendant said he was prepared to take the motor cycle out of the district.

"You may consider yourself very lucky," said the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry), announcing that defendant would have to pay 4s. costs on each summons.

CIVIL DEFENCE PETROL

ANOTHER ECONOMY MOVE

Detailed particulars of the petrol consumed during March by vehicles used in the Civil Defence and allied services are contained in a report of the Civil Defence Committee which is to be presented to Ramsgate Council on Thursday.

In the aggregate the statement shows that over 40 vehicles used between them 489 gallons and that the mileage covered was 3,236.

After considering the analysis the committee have requested the Medical Officer of Health to place before them some alternative proposals for the supply to the personnel of the Casualty Service on stand-by duty of mid-day meals from the British Restaurant which are at present delivered by a mobile canteen which used 21 gallons of petrol and travelled 146 miles during the month.

A sub-committee consisting of the chairman (Councillor A. R. Young), the vice-chairman (Alderman A. E. Petley) and Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel was also appointed to consider in detail the whole question of the consumption of petrol for Civil Defence and allied services.

A FINE EXAMPLE

TRIBUTE TO BUFFS CAPTAIN

A personal tribute in the May issue of "The Dragon," regimental journal of The Buffs, to Capt. J. D. Bell, an old boy of Grenham House, Birchington, who fell in action commanding a company on 15th December, records that he was buried on the battlefield by the son of his preparatory school headmaster, a subaltern in his company.

A keen cricketer and hockey player, Capt. Bell represented the battalion at these games.

"J.P.W.S.," who is responsible for the tribute, writes:

It is hard to believe that we shall not enjoy the company of Johnny Bell any more. To those of us who lived with him, it is a very sad loss; we shall miss his wit and humour, his charm and companionship. . . . A brave man, who had the courage of his own convictions, he told me less than a month before he died that he would never surrender, and on that glorious day of December 15th, when a battalion of The Buffs stood up to an overpowering weight of German armour, Johnny Bell set a fine example to his company and died the way he lived, a man of fixed and high ideals.

S.R. APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Gilbert S. Szlumper, C.B.E., who has resigned his appointment as general manager of the Southern Railway Co., has been succeeded by Mr. Eustace J. Missenden, O.B.E., and Mr. John Elliott has been appointed deputy general manager.

Both have already been occupying their respective offices during the absence on Government service of Mr. Szlumper since the outbreak of war.

MOTHER'S CONFESSION

LIED TO SAVE HER SON

BROADSTAIRS LOOTING CHARGE

A mother and her soldier son were committed for trial by the Cinque Ports magistrates at Margate on Monday on charges relating to the theft of articles from a house in Brassey-avenue, Broadstairs.

During the hearing the mother admitted that she made a false statement to the police to shield her son.

Pte. Peter Basil Gush, aged 26, stationed at Broadstairs, and his mother, Mrs. Eugenie Rosalie Stephens, aged 46, of Connaught-square, Hyde Park, London, W., were charged with being concerned together in breaking and entering St. Valerie, Brassey-avenue, Broadstairs, on 18th April, and stealing a number of articles, including two sheets, two coloured bedspreads, soap, tablecloths, teacloths, six curtains, tea cosy, table napkins, six aluminium saucepans and a suitcase, valued at £23 2s. 6d., the property of Miss Rosa Davey.

They were further charged with looting—entering premises in an area subject to enemy air attack with intent to steal.

Pte. Gush assisted his mother into the dock and throughout the proceedings sat with his arm round her.

Mr. Guy Willett appeared for the defendants.

In Disorder.

Mr. Eric Weale, county prosecuting solicitor, said Mr. Amos Hughes, a retired farmer, had been looking after the house known as St. Valerie since the occupier left soon after the outbreak of war. It was in order at 3 p.m. on 18th April but when he went to the house at 4 p.m. the next day it was clear that someone else had been there, for the place was in a state of disorder. He noticed that some aluminium saucepans and household linen were missing and immediately reported the matter to the police. A police officer who examined the place found that a plywood shutter which had been fixed to the inside of the back door, in place of a glass panel which had previously been broken, had been levered up, enabling a person to insert a hand and undo the lock from the inside.

A suitcase was among the articles missing and police officers who went to the railway station found two suitcases in the cloakroom, one of which had the name of Davey on it. The officers kept watch at the station from 5.45 a.m. the next day and in due course they saw Mrs. Stephens arrive. She handed over a ticket and received two cases, including that bearing the name of Davey. When approached and asked how she came to be in possession of the case she said "Please let me go." She was taken to the police station, and when charged with the offence made the following statement:

Visit to Son.

"I reside at Connaught-square, Hyde Park, W.2, and I came to Broadstairs from London on Saturday, 18th April, to see my son. I met him at the station and later we went for a walk. Some time in the evening we went to look for apartments, which I intended taking so as to be near my son. Near the Ramsgate-road, Broadstairs, I saw a number of empty houses. I walked up the garden path of one of these houses and opened the side door, the key of which was on the outside. In the scullery I saw a number of aluminium saucepans which I took. I walked through the house and went upstairs, where I took a quantity of linen. I placed all the articles in a suitcase, which I found in the house, and after locking the door through which I entered, I left. My son came to the house with me but he did not enter. He carried the suitcase and he knew it contained saucepans."

The son was later seen by D/C Self and when the position was explained to him he said "I have nothing to say except that I am responsible for it and my mother only carried the suitcase." Later he made the following statement:

"I met mother off the train at Broadstairs on 18th April. When I greeted her she had two suitcases with clothes and stores. We then proceeded to where she was going to stay. I then put the point of question in regard to some aluminium saucepans I had seen in a house and which I had packed up in a suitcase waiting to be collected, and also some odd linen. I then discussed the question and persuaded mother to come along to the same place to collect the suitcase. The same evening we collected the suitcase. All mother did was to help me carry them. I discovered that the side door had been previously broken. I then placed my hand inside and unlocked it. It was that which tempted me and it was so easy. I got in the same way when the stuff was collected."

Shielded Her Boy.

Mr. Weale pointed out that in their statements mother and son gave differ-

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STRONGER HOME GUARD

COUNCIL RELEASE FIRE GUARDS

The strengthening of the local Home Guard is the subject of a report of the War Emergency Committee to be presented to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

The committee attendance consisted of the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), Alderman A. E. Petley, Councillor S. E. Austin and Councillor A. R. Young.

The committee agreed, following conferences with the authorities concerned, that the Borough Surveyor (Mr. R. D. Brimmell), in his capacity of Fire Guard Staff Officer, should so arrange the duties of the fire guards as to make approximately 280 men available immediately for recruitment in the Home Guard.

It was also agreed that a special voluntary contingent of the Home Guard (Class II) should be formed among the officials and employees of the Council.

The committee also considered a Home Security circular headed "Measures to enable whole-time Civil Defence Personnel to make a more active contribution to the general war effort."

The circular refers to:

(a) The need to replace defensive thinking by an offensive will to victory;

(b) A frank recognition that complete immunity from danger is unobtainable;

(c) The demands of productive industry for additional man-power; and

(d) The wastefulness at the present stage of the war of maintaining a large number of whole-time personnel standing by night and day.

The circular outlines the procedure which the Ministry of Home Security propose to adopt for releasing a certain proportion of the Civil Defence personnel in order that they may be employed in productive industry placing such personnel under an obligation to return to whole-time civil defence employment if the necessity should arise for their return.

"The committee," states the report, "are wholeheartedly in favour of the principle which underlies the circular and in view of the fact that there are no productive industries in the immediate neighbourhood of Ramsgate they feel that the principle of the circular should be extended and that the Civil Defence personnel in Ramsgate and other coastal areas should, as part of their duties, be trained as Home Guards and thus ensure a substantial increase in the Home Guard for use in the event of invasion.

"The committee have asked the Town Clerk to convey their views to the Regional Commissioner."

The Civil Defence Committee have endorsed the recommendations of the War Emergency Committee.

RAMSGATE FIREMAN FINED

CARELESS DRIVING DENIED

A member of the National Fire Service, Sidney Kenneth Ellis, of Effingham-street, Ramsgate, was fined £2 at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, for driving a car without due care and attention.

Ellis pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Eric Weale, county prosecuting solicitor, said that on 20th March an Army despatch rider was riding a motor cycle down George Hill-road, Kingsgate, towards Margate. When about 20 yards from Kingsgate-avenue a car came out of the avenue in a wide curve and collided with the motor cycle. At this spot the road was 17ft. wide and after the impact the car was 13ft. 9ins. from its nearside kerb. The car was travelling very slowly at the time.

Albert Henson, driver of the motor cycle, said he was riding about two feet from his nearside kerb. He heard no warning of the approach of the car, which did not attempt to slow down.

Defendant told the magistrates that before he began to turn he sounded his hooter. The corner was almost blind. The motor cycle was on the crown of the road and made no attempt to slow up. The motor cycle had room to pass but collided with him right in the centre of the front bumper.

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ent versions of how the premises were entered. The son's statement of how he got in corresponded with the police theory. He submitted that Mrs. Stephens obviously assisted her son in getting the articles away.

Evidence of finding the articles missing was given by Mr. Amos Hughes, of Belmont-road, Broadstairs, who said the owner was Miss R. Davey.

P/C Reynolds and D/C Self described how they kept watch at the Broadstairs railway station and arrested Mrs. Stephens.

In reply to Mr. Willett, D/C Self said Mrs. Stephens was a woman of good character and seemed very devoted to her son. His opinion was that she did it to shield her son. Her husband was at present in Australia.

Asked if he had anything to say, Gush replied "Please can't you settle it now for my mother's sake? My mother has been shielding me. I did it. Please can't you deal with us here as my mother is heartbroken."

Later Mrs. Stephens confessed that her statement to the police was false and that she made it to save her son.

Both defendants were committed for trial at the Kent Assizes, bail being allowed.

A NEW CHAPTER

OPENED AT ST. LAWRENCE

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Clergy from all parts of Thanet attended the impressive service of institution and induction of the Rev. John Hartley Roundhill, M.A., former Vicar of Holy Trinity, Sittingbourne, as Vicar of St. Lawrence-in-Thanet on Friday.

The institution was carried out by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dover (Dr. A. C. W. Rose) and the induction by the Archdeacon of Canterbury (Ven. T. K. Sopwith).

The clergy taking part included the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Vicar of St. George's, Ramsgate; Rev. P. M. Townend, Vicar of Christ Church, Ramsgate; Rev. A. H. Culmer, Rector of Holy Trinity, Ramsgate; Rev. C. H. Bailey, M.C., Rector of Holy Trinity, Broadstairs; Rev. D. V. Beckingham, Vicar of St. John's, Margate; Rev. J. B. Cowell, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Margate, Rev. N. M. Granville Sharp, Vicar of All Saints', Birchington; Rev. H. C. Henham, Vicar of Monkton; Rev. J. Rooney, priest-in-charge of St. Mark's, Northwood; Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge of St. Peter's-in-Thanet; Rev. W. Sharpe, Rural Dean of Sittingbourne; Rev. A. Mapson, curate of Holy Trinity, Margate; Rev. J. D. Reeve, curate of All Saints', Birchington; Rev. C. A. Peacock and the Rev. R. Huggard.

The choir of St. Lawrence was augmented by members of the choir of St. George's, Ramsgate, and the clergy were accompanied by the churchwardens, Mr. E. Spencer Payne and Mr. W. Edis, M.B.E.

Addressing the congregation, the Bishop said they were gathered together that evening to welcome their new Vicar and it must be encouraging to him in these difficult days, when the population of Thanet was not too great, to see an almost full church. They had come to pray for God's blessing on a new chapter in the life of the ancient church, which was beginning that evening. Many of them would be remembering with gratitude the 14 or 15 years their old Vicar had spent in the church. He was sure their good wishes would follow him in the new work to which he had set his hand. Those who had been coming to the church for the past few weeks would also wish to thank Mr. Peacock for what he had been doing in their hour of need.

A Pastor's Duty.

Now a new Vicar had come to them to preach the message which God gave to man through Jesus Christ. Their Christianity was summed up for them in the form of words they called the Creed. At one time or another emphasis had been laid on different facets but they said the same Creed as their fathers said before them. Although the first note of the service in which they were taking part was continuity, that day marked for them and for the parish a new beginning. A new chapter was beginning and he prayed that God would bless it and make it a happy one. Under God, that depended on two things. Firstly it depended on the pastor who had been instituted and inducted that evening. On him rested a very solemn task. It was his duty to teach them the faith.

"I wonder if there was ever a day when it was more necessary for the clergy to teach the faith," continued the Bishop. "Christianity is not just a man trying to live a good life. Christianity is a man who is trying to live a certain kind of life because he believes certain things. A Christian is a man whose life is based upon his faith. It is that God was made man in the person of Jesus Christ. The main reason for the state of the world to-day is because men thought they could live Christian lives if they gave up the faith and the dogma on which Christian life is based."

Their new Vicar, said Dr. Rose, had come to teach them the truth about what God was like. If they once gave up the Christian faith it was only a question of time before Christian morality disappeared, as it had done in many countries to-day.

Christian Lives.

"May your new Vicar never come down to telling us to live better lives without telling us to live Christian lives," said the Bishop. The gospel was not that they had to live better lives. It was "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." That was the first thing, and everything else was based upon it.

Their new Vicar came to teach the faith, not to tell them what he thought about things. He had to help them base their lives on the great truths taught by Jesus Christ. He came as a faithful pastor, as a shepherd of his flock. He came to dispense the means of grace, and to administer the sacraments.

Whether the new chapter they were entering on was a happy one or not depended on two things. The first was upon their new Vicar. The second was upon the congregation. The Church founded by Jesus Christ was above all else a missionary society. Christians were not just a crowd of men and women trying to secure, as it were, a safe seat in Heaven. They were men and women sent by God with a message for the world. They were sent to help win the world for God. They must be prepared to stand by their new Vicar and work with him for he could not do it alone. He came to be a leader to those who were out to help Jesus Christ to win the world for God. Christ needed their service. It was going to cost them something, as He always said it would. The new chapter in the old book they were beginning that evening was theirs as well as their Vicar's.

"You who worship here are a band of brothers and sisters witnessing for Christ by your words and in your lives and so helping to build up in this place the Kingdom of God, so that if the flood should come the House shall not fall because it is based upon a rock," concluded the Bishop.

Hymns sung during the service were "The Church's one foundation," "Glorious things of Thee are spoken," "Thy hand, O God, has guided," and "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire."

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FULL-TIME EDUCATION

PROGRESS AT MARGATE

Margate's scheme for the resumption of full-time education is being carried out in two stages.

The Director, Mr. J. C. Aspden, has reported to the Education Committee that, owing to the increase in the number of children now attending—from 797 before Easter to 924—an additional class has been formed at Lausanne Central School in charge of Mr. F. Boothroyd, who had returned to the staff. The junior and infants' departments at Drapers Mills School have also been increased by an additional class each, as a result of which the services of Mrs. Lamacraft have been obtained for a temporary period.

Attendance at the schools has been very satisfactory, reaching 90·4 per cent. for the week ending 24th April.

Regarding full-time education, Mr. Aspden reported that in the first stage it would become operative in all the schools not affected by the requisitioning of Salmestone and Garlinge Schools, and it was anticipated that before the next meeting of the committee at the end of May it would be available for all pupils at Birchington and Westgate Church of England Schools, King Ethelbert Central School, Holy Trinity and St. John's Schools. Full-time education has been available at Lausanne School since Christmas.

The second stage would involve Salmestone, Drapers Mills and Garlinge Junior and Infants' Schools.

Salmestone and Garlinge Schools are being de-requisitioned this week and dilapidations will be dealt with without delay in order that the schools might be brought into use at the earliest possible moment.

Much had been done, reported the Director, to reintroduce, as far as possible, the outside activities of the schools. Library books were steadily being delivered to the various schools, school savings groups were being revived and new ones formed.

Councillor F. J. Cornford, vice-chairman of the committee, who presided at the monthly meeting in the absence of the chairman (Alderman W. C. Redman), referred to the fact that the committee's administrative staff were now established in their new offices at Hartsdown House.

"They are in very pleasant surroundings," he said, "and I should think they feel much happier than in the old days when they were in Canterbury-road. Hartsdown Park may not be quite so convenient, but it is certainly more pleasant."

Councillor S. W. Paul: And there is a golf course there.

The chairman: I am not talking of what they do off duty.

HOME GUARD BEAT THE NAVY

In a rifle shooting competition on Thursday, "D" Company, Ramsgate Home Guard, defeated the Royal Navy by a margin of 52 points—258 to 206.

Home Guard: Sgt. Bolton 15 and 19, Sgt. Miles 5 and 14, Cpl. Hurst 10 and 17, Pte. Deverson 20 and 18, Pte. Pilcher 10 and 20, Pte. Kirk 20 and 19, Lt. Gardiner 15 and 20, Pte. Startup 20 and 16.

Royal Navy: Mr. Roberts 0 and 14, Lt. Boulter 15 and 17, C/P/O Gray 10 and 17, A/B Harmer 10 and 18, A/B Price 20 and 12, A/B Chapman 5 and 19, A/B Tucker 0 and 18, A/B Darren 15 and 16.

In a darts match following the shooting the Home Guard again proved successful.

DOGS ON WAR SERVICE

The use of dogs, more especially for guard duties and message carrying, is being organised by the Government on a large scale with a view to saving man-power.

Alsatians, airedales, collies, lurchers and crosses between them, as well as bull-terriers and bull-mastiffs, of either sex over nine months old are wanted and owners willing to loan them for service for the duration of the war should apply for a record card to the local inspector of the R.S.P.C.A.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	10.13 p.m.	5.39 a.m.
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RESPECTABLE Girl wanted to assist pie making.—98 High-street, Ramsgate. 15

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CALL-UP STOPS

"FREEZING" MEN TEACHERS

Following a meeting with Mr. A. M. Morley, H.M. Inspector, a sub-committee of Ramsgate Education Committee have ascertained that it is not intended that male teachers between the ages of 35 and 41, who have registered under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, and who now become de-reserved following the alteration in the Schedule of Reserved Occupations, should be called for service with the Armed Forces.

Further, if any such teachers are declared redundant by their employers, the Board of Education, in their desire to secure effective distribution of the available men teachers, would probably arrange for their transfer elsewhere.

The sub-committee have also reported to the Education Committee that after careful consideration they recommend that the committee should consider favourably the making of temporary appointments to the teaching staff as and when occasion arises. In order to safeguard the interests of Ramsgate teachers in the reception area, the sub-committee recommended that such appointments should not be made in respect of any particular school and should be terminable by one week's notice on either side.

The Education Committee on Wednesday accepted the recommendations of the sub-committee and decided that Mrs. E. Hearnden, trained certificated assistant at present employed by the committee as a relief teacher, should be given a temporary appointment as from 13th April at a salary according to scale.

COMMITTAL ORDER SUSPENDED

MARGATE WOMAN'S DEBT

An order that she should pay a debt by instalments of £2 a month or go to prison for three weeks was made against Mrs. Marguerite Alice Phillips, of Price's-avenue, Margate, at Margate police court on Wednesday.

As a result of proceedings previously taken by the Corporation against Mrs. Phillips judgment for £11 1s. 4d. was entered against her.

When the case was before the magistrates a month previously it was stated that Mrs. Phillips raised objection to it on the grounds that it was issued in the name of Daisy M. Phillips.

The summons was amended and it was stated on Wednesday that it was re-served personally on Mrs. Phillips by a police officer on 21st April. Mrs. Phillips did not appear.

Issued by Mr. John Rattray, chief Sanitary Inspector, the summons was to show cause why she should not be committed to prison for non-compliance with a judgment obtained against her to pay a civil debt and costs.

The Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) said he thought defendant should be present for examination on oath as to her means.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan) said defendant could not be forced to attend for it was not a summons in respect of which a warrant could be issued.

The Town Clerk said the evidence he had was not very adequate. Defendant was the owner of the house in which she lived, and maintained herself without working. She also maintained her son, who was of employable age, but he did not know whether he was in an employable condition. He thought that from those outward circumstances the bench could assume that defendant had an income from which she could make some attempt to meet the judgment.

"We don't want to persecute her," said the Town Clerk, "but it is a very serious thing if a woman of this type can carry on in the way she does without complying with the orders made against her."

In evidence Mr. Rattray said he knew that Mrs. Phillips and her son went to a restaurant for their midday meals.

The bench made a committal order for 21 days, to be suspended so long as she paid £2 a month off the debt.

THE CALL OF YOUTH

BOYS AND GIRLS AT MARGATE SERVICE

Margate's youth organisations were well represented at the Empire Youth Day service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, at St. John's Church.

The congregation, numbering several hundred boys and girls, included boy scouts under Dist. Cmmsr. A. Hodges, girl guides under Div. Cmmsr. Miss M. I. Friend and Dist. Cmmsrs. Mrs. P. Cobb and Mrs. A. C. Hatfeild, Margate flights of the Air Training Corps under Flg. Off. F. A. Burgess, Sea Cadet Corps, a detachment of the younger members of the Home Guard and boys and girls of the Margate Youth Club.

The service was also attended by the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. G. P. Hoare) and members of the Town Council.

Following the National Anthem came the Call to Prayer: "From this ancient parish church on the coast of Britain, the shrine of our faith and the symbol of our heritage, young men and women call their fellows in lands afar, who are comrades in the cause of Truth and Freedom, Justice and Charity, to join with us as we gather for worship, in the dedication of our lives to God."

The lesson was read by Mr. Hodges, and the hymns sung were "Who would true valour see," "Rejoice O land, in God thy might," "O Lord almighty, thou whose hands," and "Land of our birth, we pledge to thee."

The offertory, devoted to the fund opened on St. George's day for a memorial to the late Lord Baden Powell, Chief Scout, amounted to nearly £5, the Vicar remarking "I can think of no single individual who has earned the gratitude and the affection of youth more than that great man."

With Wings as Eagles.

The Vicar based his address on the text from Isaiah 40, verse 31, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

It was the first time, said the Vicar, that a youth service of that nature had ever been held in the old Parish Church, although it had been customary in previous years for the scouts and guides to have their annual service in connection with the patron saint of St. George. Since last year there had been a great development of interest in the borough for its youth, and the return of many young people to the district had given new life to the splendid organisations which served the youth before the war. During the year there had been a development of the Air Training Corps, of which the whole town was proud. Many of its members would soon be called to "mount up with wings as eagles." In addition, there had recently been opened a Youth Centre for the recreation and well-being of all the youth of Margate.

Pointing out that his text was full of action—flying, running and walking—the Vicar added "Our teeth have been clenched, our heels have been dug in. Now the time has come for that supreme effort of mind and will which I am confident will smash up the powers of darkness. We shall fly and run and walk in the direction of victory and all it is going to bring. But do remember, that in order to fly and run and walk properly we need some kind of leader. We shall never get anywhere if we just try to work for ourselves. There must be discipline and proper control. There must be a right sense of duty. There must be a leader to give us confidence and strength."

In Christ, said the Vicar, they had a splendid, courageous, loving and glorious leader. They should wait upon God, not only for three-quarters of an hour that afternoon, but in their life at home, in their work and school, and in their training and recreation.

A.T.C. SUMMER CAMP

A party of cadets from the Thanet Air Training Corps, together with their officers, are to attend an R.A.F. summer camp in Northamptonshire.

The boys will probably receive some flying instruction and there will also be cricket and physical training.

Employers are asked to co-operate by releasing the boys to enable them to attend the camp.

Our Complete Short Story

A TACTICAL EXERCISE

By COLIN HOPE

Lieutenant 'Reginald Fleuden studied the straggling street that was Poucefield, and cursed the luck that had sent him, in charge of an anti-aircraft detachment, to so dull a spot.

Excitement was at a premium. Nothing happened in the district beyond the usual fight for the Poucefield Chrysanthemum Cup, which was neither more nor less than an annual spot of war between Colonel Sidderley, one time a dashing cavalry officer, and Major Clapford-Kennily, "Old Nosey," late of the Indian Army.

Reggie had witnessed an 'encounter between the two old soldiers. It was amusing but brief, and Reggie was again succumbing to boredom when the postman approached, and under his arm there was a football, which some feminine well-wisher, knowing little of football, had sent in an inflated state.

"Parcel for you, Captain." Reggie acknowledged both the football and the promotion.

Then, because he was one of the keenest centre-forwards in the country, he ripped off the label and kicked the ball to the far end of the meadow, where some men were squatting outside a hut. More men appeared, divided into roughly equal sides, and the fun began.

Reggie and his side were happy. The others would have enjoyed the game more had they a goalkeeper capable of dealing with Fleuden's shots.

Then came a diversion. Reggie was about to shoot when he was heavily charged, and the ball sped away, to miss the goal and sail into Colonel Sidderley's garden. There was a tinkling of glass, then silence.

Reggie reconnoitred, then stepped through a gap in the hedge. Immediately he found himself facing an extremely pretty girl. She was smiling a welcome to him.

"I'm sorry," Reggie began. "Our ball went over your hedge. I hope we haven't done any damage."

"I think I heard the breaking of glass," she answered. "But father has so many greenhouses and frames. I'm sure one won't be missed."

Another face appeared behind Reggie and was quickly withdrawn. Gunner Smith hurried away to tell the remainder of the men that the O.C. had "clicked," and was evidently in no hurry to recover the ball.

Then, from beyond a low hedge, came the sound of angry growls.

Reggie, making conversation with Miss Sidderley, imagined that a fierce dog was loose, and tensed to meet the attack. The noises grew louder until Colonel Sidderley burst into view, his eyes blazing with a light that rivalled the beam of the searchlight in the meadow.

In one hand the Colonel carried the football, and in the other a beautiful bloom, broken off short with a few inches of stem.

"Is—is this your doing?" he roared.

Reggie was contrite. "It is our ball, sir," he said. "I'm very sorry."

"Sorry!" Colonel Sidderley growled. "How far will sorrow go towards replacing Erubsecens Gloriosa Nippon?"

The young officer turned appealingly to the girl. "I'm afraid I don't understand," he began.

"That's Daddy's name for a Japanese chrysanthemum," she said. "He is a connoisseur. I'm afraid your ball fell in the wrong glasshouse."

The Colonel was not amused. "Japanese chrysanthemum!" he bellowed at his daughter. "It was—it was—the finest specimen ever reared. Ever since Kennily had the luck to get a perfect Monoflora Splendens last year I have been working on this plant to produce one bloom that would put him in his place. And now, within a few hours of the show, this fellow has ruined my year's work!"

Reggie was unhappy. He had met a girl who could have made his stay in Poucefield a pleasure, only to put her out of reach by antagonising her father.

There was no zest in his game after that, and the men, having heard Gunner Smith's story, concluded that their C.O. took his affairs of the heart very sadly.

In Conference.

Fleuden, however, was not prepared to surrender without a fight. He called his gun sergeant into conference.

"Look here, Fielder," he said. "You're a gardener, and should be able to help."

Sergeant Fielder liked his section officer and was anxious to oblige. "I'll do what I can sir," he answered. "What is the trouble? If it's gardens I may be of some use. If it's . . . a . . . lady, Gunner Smith . . ."

"Gardens," Reggie said so decisively that the sergeant disbelieved him. "Now I want to put a hypothetical case."

"A what, sir?"

"A hypothetical case."

"I see. That's when you say the thing didn't really happen, and it happened to someone else: when all the time it did, and it was yourself."

"True," Reggie admitted. "It's like this: A friend of mine badly wants to win the Chrysanthemum Cup in a flower show—don't ask me why! At the last minute a choice specimen my friend has reared has been spoiled, and in the circumstances his rival will certainly win again, unless . . ."

"Unless something happens to his best blooms," the sergeant whispered conspiratorially.

Reggie nodded, and Sergeant Fielder began to put two and two together.

"Prize chrysanthemums are tender plants," he said. "A chilly wind can do 'em a lot of harm. Now if a window was left open in Major—I mean your friend's rival's greenhouse . . ." He paused, then added: "It could happen, sir. And I expect Miss Sidderley would like to see her father win the cup."

"Yes, I suppose she would." Reggie did not realise the confession implied by his agreement. "But is it really playing the game?"

"The old gentlemen appear to make a war of this business, and all's fair in total war," Fielder said.

The conference broke up a little later, but not before Reggie and the sergeant had made certain plans; and when evening came two figures stealthily approached Major Clapford-Kennily's garden.

Two other people had given serious thought to the impending show. As a military man, the major knew he should measure the strength of the enemy before he went into action. Thus, some time before the two young soldiers sallied forth, the long form of Old Nosey wormed its way across the meadow, and slid through the gap in the colonel's hedge.

Colonel Sidderley, too, was thinking of the morrow. He had other blooms, but he knew that unless his rival's entry was below standard, his own chances were negligible.

With the hope that there might be some potential winner he had overlooked, the colonel went once more to his beloved chrysanthemums. He was approaching the damaged glasshouse when he stopped suddenly. Just ahead he caught the gleam of a shielded torch.

The intruder apparently heard the colonel's approach, for the light was suddenly extinguished, and there began a game of hide-and-seek in the darkness.

Colonel Sidderley made for the gap in the hedge and reached it just in time to see a long form slide through it. He guessed the identity of the prowler but determined to make absolutely certain.

Across the meadow the men went, Major Clapford-Kennily in front, his long form bent low, with the colonel, his bright eyes peering intently ahead, some twenty yards in the rear.

Old Nosey knew he was being followed, and when a line of gorse bushes offered respite, he slid into the deeper shadow thrown by them, and escaped.

The colonel blamed his eyes when he lost his quarry, but he went on to Clapford-Kennily's garden, confident he would again pick up the trail.

The Colonel Caught.

Then came the climax of the colonel's trying day. He crawled through the hedge, but had not advanced more than a few yards when a foot stubbed against him, there was a smothered exclamation, and a heavy body fell on him.

Sergeant Fielder quickly recovered his wits, picked himself up, and whispered urgently to Fleuden.

"Scram, sir. It's Colonel Sidderley."

Subaltern and sergeant went through the hedge in a twink, but when they reached the centre of the meadow the officer called a halt.

"This is going to be my lucky night," he said. "Listen."

The sergeant listened carefully to Reggie's instructions, then grinned and hurried away to carry them out. Reggie went back to the hedge in time to see a battered colonel limp from the Clapford-Kennily garden.

A few seconds later there was a sharp challenge, and Reggie went forward to find the Colonel being hustled away to the guardroom, protesting volubly. According to plan, Fleuden intervened.

The N.C.O. explained that the prisoner had been arrested while loitering near the guns.

"Very well," Reggie said, "send Sergeant Fielder to me." Then he led the protesting colonel to his headquarters.

The colonel was at exploding point. "Confound it, man," he began. "I wasn't near your guns. I—I—"

Sergeant Fielder coughed. "Bombardier reports the colonel was seen creeping across the field," he said. "He went into the garden on the other side and was challenged on his return."

"All right, sergeant. You may go."

Left alone with his prisoner, Fleuden gave a creditable imitation of a man torn between inclination and duty.

"I hardly know what to say, sir," he started, hesitatingly. "As a soldier you will realise that you have put me in a very serious predicament."

"Nonsense!" Colonel Sidderley exploded. "I demand to be released immediately. To-morrow I shall report the affair to your commanding officer."

Reggie was humble. "I scarcely know what I ought to do, sir. Obviously my men have made a mistake . . . but . . ."

"But what?" the colonel roared. "What have you got in that thick head of yours?"

"Major Clapford-Kennily's chrysanthemums," Reggie answered gently.

"Major Clapford-Kennily's chry . ." Colonel Sidderley gaped.

"Yes, sir. I'm sorry—but I know the major is your rival for the Chrysanthemum Cup, and to-night my men say you were in his garden."

The prisoner was red with rage. He appeared to be at the point of hurling himself on the junior officer.

"Do you dare to suggest, young fellow, that I would try to damage Clapford-Kennily's blooms? He was in my garden, and I followed him back to his own place. I saw him near my glasshouses."

Reggie was conciliatory. "I should not suggest anything of the kind, sir, but I am afraid my men may talk, and village gossip will enlarge on their stories. No doubt the major will deny having been in your garden, and will suggest you invented the story."

There was a deep silence. The colonel was still belligerent, but he saw that Reggie's arguments were sound. Suspicion was easy to arouse and almost impossible to dispel.

At length he said, gruffly: "Well, what do you propose to do?"

Reggie fiddled nervously with his papers. "I could speak to the men," he said. "I could order them that nothing was to be said of to-night's occurrence . . ."

"You could do it!. What do you mean?" the colonel snapped. Then he saw light. There flashed across his mind a picture of Fleuden, standing just inside the hedge of his own garden, looking appealingly at his daughter. He remembered, too, that Joan appeared to be disappointed when he had ordered the young officer off the premises.

Colonel Sidderley often declared that the commander who did not know when to retreat was a fool. His eyes began to twinkle.

"I see," he said. "Trying to blackmail me, eh?"

"Certainly not, sir. I regard this evening's work as an instructive tactical exercise."

"Young man," said the colonel, "you should be in command of a brigade, not a mere anti-aircraft section."

"I am content to be stationed in Poucefield," Reggie replied. "That is, if Miss Sidderley is interested in my presence here."

Colonel Sidderly grunted and looked at his watch. "Dinner at seven-thirty, and it's nearly eight o'clock. Young man, we shall expect you in ten minutes."

"Thank you, sir," Reggie answered, happily. "I shall not be late."

The End

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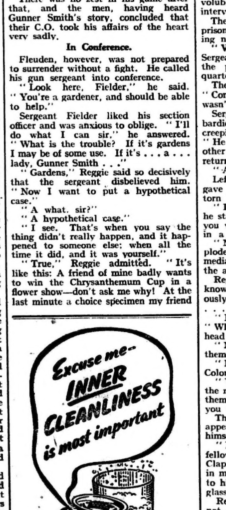

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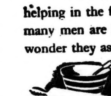
This Week's

FOOD FACTS

"Man-about-Kitchen"

Now that thousands of wives and mothers are helping in the factories, or evacuated to the country, many men are having to do their own cooking. No wonder they ask their women-folk for easy recipes! Here are a few suggestions that will help to solve the problem of next Sunday's dinner or supper during the week.



PATHFINDER PUDDING

Time: Preparation 15 minutes, cooking 1½ hours. *Ingredients:* Suet pastry (6 ozs. national flour, 1 oz. suet, 1½ ozs. shredded, uncooked potato, ¾ teaspoonful baking powder, ¼ teaspoonful of salt, water to mix). Filling (2 lbs. cooked parsnips, ¼ lb. shredded cheese, 1 chopped, uncooked leek, 3 teaspoonfuls salt, ½ teaspoonful mustard, pepper). *Quantity:* 4 helpings. *Method:* Mix the suet pastry. Roll out ¾ of the pastry to line a greased basin. Mix the parsnip, cheese, leek, mustard, pepper and salt together. Put into the lined basin. Roll out the remaining ¼ of pastry to form a lid. Put this on to the pudding, cover with upturned saucer, and steam for 1½ hours.

WASH-DAY RULES

Before you start on your week's washing remember these few soap saving rules. 1. If possible collect rain water and use for washing smalls and woollies—much less soap is needed if the water is soft. 2. Soak linens and cottons overnight—a little soda in the soaking water will loosen the dirt. 3. Always soften very hard water with a little soda. 4. Save the wash-tub suds for washing floors, dusters, etc. 5. Always store soap in a very dry place.

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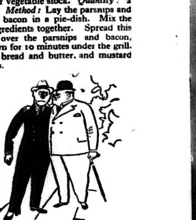
BRISKET OF BEEF

Time: Preparation 30 minutes. Cooking 2 hours. *Ingredients:* ¾ lb. stewing steak, 1 lb. mixed vegetables (carrots, turnips, parsnips), a knob of dripping or margarine, a level tablespoonful national flour or oatmeal, salt and pepper. *Quantity:* 2 helpings. *Method:* Wash and cut up vegetables. Cut meat into small pieces and dip in flour, salt and pepper mixed together. Heat fat in a large saucepan, brown meat on both sides, take it out, and put in layer of vegetables. Put back the meat, cover with the rest of the vegetables, and add boiling water to cover. Put on pan lid, simmer for 2 hours. Put in 2 scrubbed potatoes half an hour before serving.

MR. B would like a dish that won't take long to cook. *What about this, Mr. B.?*

PARSNIP SAVOURY

Time: Preparation 5 minutes. Cooking 10 minutes. *Ingredients:* ½ lb. cooked parsnips or carrots, heaped tablespoonful oatmeal, chopped rasher of bacon, a little made mustard, 1 teaspoonful vinegar, pinch of salt and pepper, 2 tablespoonfuls of milk or vegetable stock. *Quantity:* 2 helpings. *Method:* Lay the parsnips and chopped bacon in a pie-dish. Mix the other ingredients together. Spread this mixture over the parsnips and bacon, and brown for 10 minutes under the grill. Eat with bread and butter, and mustard and cress.



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FOOD FACTS No. 93 THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, W.1

GRADUATED IN AMERICA

HONOUR FOR MARGATE AIRMAN

Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hoare, of Seaborne, Nash Court-road, Margate, Ldg. Acm. Dennis L. F. Hoare, R.A.F., was one of the ten leaders in the recent graduating class in aviation and radio research at the U.S.A. Naval Station, Jacksonville, Florida.

He was one of many R.A.F. men who went to Jacksonville to learn the operation and care of American equipment received in this country under Lease-Lend arrangements.

The men went through the same procedure as the men entering the U.S. Navy, and were given a course which will dovetail into basic radio code work and gunnery.

Twenty-one years of age, Ldg. Acm. Hoare is an old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate.

OBLIGED A CUSTOMER

FINED FOR SHOWING A LIGHT

After she had locked up for the night Miss Alice Lawler, manageress of a shop in Canterbury-road, Margate, returned to oblige a customer.

In her hurry to get away afterwards she forgot to switch off a light, which shone out through a rear window after black-out.

At Margate police court on Wednesday Miss Lawler was fined 10s. for permitting the light to show.

W/R Wailing said he saw the light at 10.20 p.m. on 21st April and until the arrival of Miss Lawler at 11.10 p.m. he covered the outside of the window with a sack.

In a letter to the court Miss Lawler said it would never have happened had she not returned to the shop to oblige a customer.

HONOUR FOR THANET

BRIGADIER STEBBINGS' NEW COMMAND

On leaving to take command of a brigade, Bgdr. J. Morley Stebbings, M.C., T.D., of Ramsgate, has sent a letter to each of the officers and men of a Margate territorial battery of the Royal Artillery.

Bgdr. Stebbings was serving with the battery in the Middle East.

"I wish to express to you all my great thanks for the magnificent help and co-operation I have always received," he wrote.

"The fact that I have been selected for promotion is primarily due to the great work of the regiment. The commander of a bad regiment does not get promotion, and it is due to the marvellous work of the —— in Crete, —— in Tobruk, and to a lesser degree —— and headquarters that I have been selected to command a brigade.

"If I could have led the whole regiment into real action, which was naturally my ambition, I should have been loathe to leave the regiment, but as we can now, unhappily, never be together, I can only go to a new command and hope to make it as efficient as the old ——.

"The whole regiment, the town of Margate, and the complete M.E.F. are proud of the part you are playing. Although I shall be away from you, my heart will always be with you."

Many Thanet men took part in the defence of Tobruk last year and in a letter to the commander of the brigade the commander of the Australian Division wrote: "Would you please convey to all ranks of the Anti-Aircraft Brigade the appreciation and esteem of the 9th Australian Division. We shall always associate Tobruk with their magnificent and sustained defence and ever remember their courageous and victorious fight against great odds.

"The fine discipline and steadiness in action of the anti-aircraft batteries have been an inspiration to all, and we are sad to have to sever an association which has meant so much to us in the execution of our task here."

Each man received a copy of the letter.

TODD—WARD

ST. PETER'S WEDDING

The wedding took place at St. Peter's Church on 25th April between Pte. Leslie Todd, R.A.O.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Todd, of Fitzroy-avenue, Margate, and Miss Marjorie Ellen Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ward, of Percy-avenue, Kingsgate.

Given away by her father, the bride wore an ivory floral figured taffeta dress, a headdress of orange blossom and veil, and carried a shower bouquet of dark red carnations. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Winifred Jeffery and Miss Mary Knight, who wore gowns of taffeta figured with anemones and carried posies of violets with silver horseshoes.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge, and Mr. P. Wakeford, the bride's uncle, was best man. Mr. R. J. Bowen was at the organ.

A reception was afterwards held at the bride's home.

INCREASE THE YIELDS OF ALL YOUR FIELDS

Top-Dress ALL cereals and grass

A General Order requires all farmers to apply at least 1 cwt. of nitrogenous fertilizer—sulphate of ammonia, nitro-chalk or nitrate of soda—to all second white straw crops unless exemption is granted by the War Agricultural Executive Committee.

But ***all cereals*** should be top-dressed. The yields on many farms can be raised at least 10 per cent. The fact that in an exceptional season last year a good deal of corn, ***both top-dressed and otherwise,*** was laid, must not deter farmers. If lodging is feared, the dressing should go on in the first two weeks of May. 1—1½ cwt. per acre will increase the number and size of the grains

Grass for silage should get 1 cwt. per acre for each cut throughout the season. For aftermath to be ensiled, give 1½ cwt. per acre as soon as the hay is off.

EMERGENCY DRESSINGS

CEREAL CROPS. On land in poor heart, 1—1½ cwt. per acre helps a crop to resist wireworm, if applied as soon as attack is noticed, and before too much damage has been done.

CEREALS AND ROOTS. Where spring-sown crops are not growing away satisfactorily, despite a seed-bed dressing, a top-dressing should be applied where crops look yellow.

TEMPORARY "SEEDS" LEYS. Where the clover plant has been largely thinned by frost during winter, 1—1½ cwt. per acre will stimulate the growth of the grasses and increase the hay crop.

FARMERS AND WORKERS: *Yours is a vital task. Make the most of every hour. Work your hardest. Plan ahead. Use all your skill. Get the most out of your farm machines. No machine—no workers—must stand idle when a neighbour is in need.*

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOUR

ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

MEDALS FROM THE KING

THANET MEN HONOURED

Accompanied by his wife and father-in-law, Mr. Cyril Bax, a member of the engineering staff of the G.P.O., of Swainby, Margate-road, Ramsgate, attended a recent investiture to receive from H.M. the King the British Empire Medal awarded him for courage and devotion to duty following an air raid.

Mr. Cyril Bax.

The King also handed similar awards to Mr. Arthur John Shepherd, of Adelaide Villa, Park-lane, Birchington, and Mr. William Oscar Leslie Goodwin, of Herne Bay, who were associated with Mr. Bax in connection with the incident.

Ramsgate had experienced a heavy raid and telephonic communications were interrupted. A delayed action bomb had been dropped near the seat of the trouble and Inspr. Goodwin called for volunteers. Linesmen Bax and Shepherd responded immediately and for two days worked within a few feet of an unexploded bomb. Part of the time they were working up a telegraph pole immediately above the bomb.

By a strange coincidence the names of the same three men appeared in the Civil Defence Honours List a year previously for having carried out a highly dangerous job under enemy fire after an aerodrome had been blitzed.

In August, 1940, Inspr. Goodwin called for volunteers to help to restore communications following a raid on the aerodrome. Bax and Shepherd answered the call and together with their inspector carried out the work within a few feet of a number of delayed action bombs, which subsequently exploded.

SOWED THANET

REAPING A WHIRLWIND

WARSHIPS WEEK PROTEST

Strong protests have gone from Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs against the suggestion that as a result of their Warship Weeks the Thanet towns should adopt H.M.S. Whirlwind, as the Admiralty could not guarantee that another ship named Thanet would be built during the war.

Between them the three towns raised over £400,000 and this magnificent achievement was to a large extent due to the fact that the people of the island thought they were replacing H.M.S. Thanet, the destroyer lost off the Malayan coast, and a new Thanet would sail the seas.

Feeling is strong on the matter and at a meeting of Margate Warship Week Committee, held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, a member said that if they adopted the suggestion of the Admiralty the public would feel they had been double-crossed.

The hon. secretary, Councillor H. G. Pedder, said that early in April he received a letter from the Regional Commissioner for National Savings stating that the Admiralty had proposed that Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate should adopt H.M.S. Whirlwind. He replied stating that his committee were against the proposal and pointed out that the Warship Week efforts of the three towns were directed towards replacing H.M.S. Thanet. He expressed the view that the townspeople would resent keenly any action by the committee in agreeing to a substitute. A further letter was received from the Commissioner on 20th April stating that there was no guarantee that another warship bearing the name Thanet would be built during the war.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare), who presided, said he thought they should convey the view to the Admiralty that since there was a ship available for adoption by the Thanet towns they would like it named Thanet and not Whirlwind.

Mr. E. Jackling, Assistant Commissioner for Savings, who attended the meeting, said he believed Whirlwind was actually afloat. The committee were not bound to accept the offer to adopt the ship.

"It seems," remarked Mr. W. R. F. Avery, "that we sowed the Thanet and are to reap a Whirlwind. It is not good enough. The people of Thanet gave the old Thanet some plate when she was off Ramsgate, and I had envisaged the new Thanet coming to Ramsgate and the towns again presenting some plate. We have a cuckoo in the nest, and we don't want it. The Admiralty can't foist a Whirlwind on us. I think the public would feel that they had been double-crossed."

The general feeling of the meeting was that as new destroyers would continue to be built one of them should carry on the name of Thanet.

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Thousands of People in Services Home, Field & Factory have sent their Testimony!

There's no doubt about the multiplicity of services 'ASPRO' is rendering in these strenuous times; the nerviness and irritability it soothes away—the headaches and the rheumatic pains it banishes—the colds and feverish conditions it dispels. They're facts, the actual experiences of millions of users in field and factory, the Services and the home. People try 'ASPRO' and are amazed at the swift results—without harmful after-effects. They become enthusiastic advocates, spread the good news among their friends. Some of their spontaneous tributes are published below. They demonstrate clearly a factor of great importance nowadays.

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Miss B. A. S. writes from Deal, Kent:—"May I add that until I took over this business I had no faith in any tablets of any kind, but on finding what a great sale there was for 'ASPRO', I determined to try them myself, which I did, when I had pains in my head. In fifteen minutes I was able to carry on with my work again, not only did 'ASPRO' stop that attack of headache but steadied my nerves marvellously. Since then I have never hesitated over recommending 'ASPRO' for aches and pains to my customers."

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75 MacDonald Street, Napier, New Zealand.

Dear Sirs, I have very much pleasure in testifying to the efficacy of 'ASPRO'. Recently I was suffering from an attack of influenza, but my duties prevented me from taking time off and on the advice of a friend I took 'ASPRO' with a hot lemon drink on retiring. The result was I checked the attack and was able to resume my duties next day without suffering any after ill effects. Yours truly, (Sgd.) R. JOHNSTONE.

'ASPRO' SAVES DAYS OF PAIN

8 Somerville Gardens, Boyne Park, Tunbridge Wells.

Dear Sirs, As one subject to attacks of lumbago, I was advised by an 'ASPRO' user to try it. One attack occurred after a fortnight's change at Bournemouth and lasted nearly 3 weeks. On being called at 7.30 a.m. on Thursday I had such a sharp attack I could hardly dress. I took two 'ASPROS', two more later on and two at night. Next day (Friday) repeated treatment and to-day, Saturday, practically normal. But for 'ASPRO' I believe my pain would have continued for several days. I feel it a duty and a pleasure to inform you. Yours faithfully, E. R. BEECROFT.

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YOUTH TAKES A SERVICE

RAMSGATE BOY PREACHER

Hubert Butcher (17), who was evacuated with St. Lawrence College from Ramsgate to Courteenhall, Northants, and June Austen (15), daughter of Mr. Charles Austen, a former Ramsgate journalist, were responsible for a novel celebration of Empire Youth Sunday in the village of Hellidon, near Daventry.

June, who has been evacuated to Daventry Grammar School, is now leader of the village Youth Squad. She had previously been offered the use of the Hellidon Methodist Church if her members could organise a non-denominational service on lines similar to the one which was to be broadcast to Britain and Empire from Westminster Abbey.

So she got into touch with Hubert, whom she first met at Ramsgate, and suggested that as he was training at St. Lawrence College for the ministry, he might assist the squad by preaching the sermon.

The result was that the Abbey Youth Service was duplicated with slight variations in a Northants village chapel by youngsters ranging in age from 10 to 17. June, who devised the service, read the Call to Prayer and the King's Message, and Hubert preached a topical sermon—his first to an adult congregation. The reading from John Buchan's "Memory Hold-the-Door" was delivered by Margaret Mouland (10), whose favourite seaside resort happens to be Broadstairs.

Hubert, June and Margaret went through the service without a hitch, although they had had only one rehearsal, and they have since received the congratulations of county and parish officials.

"I was a bit nervous at first, preaching to a congregation which included Home Guards and land girls," said Hubert afterwards, "but it was a fine and useful experience."

WHITSUN DRINKS

THANET L.V'S DECISION

At a meeting of the Isle of Thanet Licensed Retailers' Protection Society, held at the Woodman Inn, Ramsgate, on Tuesday, it was decided not to make any general application for an extension of the permitted hours over the Whitsun holiday.

The meeting was presided over by Councillor W. G. Love, president of the Society, and Mr. F. J. Paul, of Ramsgate, was elected vice-president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. F. J. Johnson, of St. Peter's.

The effect of the budget on the price of spirits was discussed and a committee meeting was arranged to be held to-day, following which an announcement of the prices to be charged will be made.

MARGATE PARENTS' ANXIETY

For the first time since he left England in October last, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Dawes, of 1 Cecil-street, Margate, have heard from their son, Dvr. Cyril Raymond Dawes, R.A.S.C.

The letter, which is dated 5th February, states that Dvr. Dawes arrived in Malaya on 13th January and was evacuated to Singapore 13 days later.

Dvr. Dawes also stated that he had sent three telegrams and several field cards, but none of them have been received by his parents.

CRIME IN THE COUNTY

YEAR'S WORK OF POLICE

In the area controlled by the Kent County Constabulary, which excludes towns having their own police force, 4,284 indictable offences were committed last year and 1,677 persons were arrested. In addition 5,449 people were summoned for non-indictable offences.

The number of motoring offences reported was 2,582 in connection with which 134 driving licenses were suspended and 322 endorsed.

In 158 street accidents, 160 people were killed, a decrease of five compared with 1940.

While 8,886 articles were reported lost, 8,065 were reported found, but only 3,909 were claimed by their owners.

The county police took charge during the year of 1,075 stray dogs and 174 lost children, were returned to their parents or guardians.

Inquiries were made by police officers in 1,174 cases of sudden death, in respect of which 435 inquests were held and assistance was given to 329 persons taken ill in the street.

In connection with the protection of property, 4,759 temporarily unoccupied premises received special attention and 1,128 doors or windows were found open or insecure.

During the year 41 members of the regular force, seven war reserves and one special constable were commended by judges, justices, coroners and chief constables.

First aid certificates, medals and labels of the St. John Ambulance Association are held by 673 men and 160 obtained certificates of the Royal Life-Saving Society.

The number of special constables in the county police area is 5,413.

LIME-STARVED LAND

Despite the progress of the plough, there is still a large preponderance of grassland in Great Britain, without reckoning the 16 million acres classed as "rough grazings."

We know that much of our arable land is short of lime. And our arable has been farmed better than our grass. It is safe, therefore to assume that our grass is even more lime-starved than our arable. We know that if we plough up grass, cropping is often risky until lime is added, also that when we attempt to re-seed, liming is an essential preliminary to success.

It is true that an application of lime to grassland may show little visible effect for some years. Nevertheless, analysis shows that more lime has gone into the herbage, and lime is essential both for the dairy cow and the young growing animal. Equally significant is the fact that lime increases the phosphate content of the herbage. It can only do so by setting free latent supplies in the soil.

More potash is also rendered available in limed soils. Thus a dressing of lime may relieve the present shortage of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers. Lime makes herbage more palatable and induces closer grazing. This in itself is a notable gain. When the roughage is removed, the better grasses and clovers spring up.

In the worst cases of lime deficiency the effects of a dressing show up in the first year. In such circumstances lime rather than phosphate is the proper initial treatment. The formation of a "mat" is a clear indication of lack of lime.

One well known authority says that where galvanised wire rusts within about five years, the soil of pastures around may generally be reckoned sour. We are not, however, dependent on wire fencing for a test. The County Advisory Service will arrange for a free chemical examination and specify the quantity of lime required.

DRAMA AND RHYTHM

BING CROSBY AT ODEON

Edward G. Robinson in a newspaper story and Bing Crosby in a musical are among the attractions being offered at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

Chief feature to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow is "Unholy Partners," a story of the hectic twenties, of inflation and prohibition, of marathon dances, of Wall Street, of trans-Atlantic flights, the whole mad aftermath of World War No. 1, to that fateful day of the market crash and the great depression. But foremost, it is the story of a hell-bent-for-copy newspaperman and his fight against the underworld. Edward G. Robinson plays the editor of a blatant New York newspaper. His partner, but bitter enemy in the war between decency and the underworld mob, is Edward Arnold, as the overlord of gangsterdom. Attractive Laraine Day has the chief feminine role. Also being shown is "Scattergood Meets Broadway," with Guy Kibbee.

Old-time New Orleans comes to life in "Birth of the Blues," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. The story concerns the efforts of Bing Crosby, Mary Martin, Brian Donlevy, Jack Teagarden and fellow musicians to popularise "blues" music in picturesque New Orleans in 1910, during a period when such music was termed "low-down," and ballads like "After the Ball" were the rage. Fifteen songs, ranging in age from 12 to 40 years, are heard in the tuneful comedy drama. The story opens with Bing, at the age of 13, playing truant from his music lessons at home, to toot his clarinet with a band of coloured "blues" exponents. Bing is caught by his dad and spanked, but try as he will, he cannot make his clarinet behave when playing the sort of classical music his long line of ancestors played before him. It is all grand fun. Zane Grey's most exciting story, "Last of the Duanes," will also be shown.

GIFT OF GAMES

SAILOR THANKS MAYOR

A/B G. Essex, of H.M.Y. Corsair, has written to the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe):

Your Worship,

First of all I must thank you very much for the parcel of games which we received this morning. I can assure you that they really are appreciated and they will certainly give us something to do in our off-watch hours.

Personally I am more than pleased at your quick response and also at the genuine spirit shown, not only in our case, but at the numerous occasions on which you have directed your efforts in connection with more local enterprises in our town.

Thanking you once again and wishing you all success in the future, I am your obedient servant, G. Essex.

MISSING TWIN

Gnr. William Robert Todd, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Todd, of Appleton House, Gordon-road, Westwood, has been posted as missing in Malaya since 15th February.

In the early days of the war Gnr. Todd, who is 21, went to France and was evacuated from Dunkirk with the B.E.F. His twin brother, Pte. Leonard Todd, The Buffs, was taken prisoner in France and is now at Stalag XX 3.

Another brother, L/Bdr. Eric Todd, is also service in the Royal Artillery.

RAMSGATE SAVINGS

Ramsgate's contribution to the National Savings Movement last week amounted to £5,443.

The sum was made up of £1,150 in Savings Certificates, £10 in Defence Bonds, £3,200 in 3 per cent. Savings Bonds, and an increase of £1,083 due to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank.

NEARING THE THOUSAND

SCHOOLING AT RAMSGATE

The number of children on the roll of Ramsgate schools for the week ending 20th March was 951.

The sub-committee of the Education Committee responsible for the re-opening of the schools are of opinion that there is a need for the continued provision of school accommodation in the neighbourhood of St. Luke's School.

The Education Committee on Wednesday decided to rescind their previous resolution to close the school and approved the recommendation that it should remain open.

It is anticipated that Hereson School will soon have been completely vacated by the National Fire Service.

The School Medical Officer (Dr. J. V. Walker) has reported that since the beginning of the year 489 routine inspections have been carried out in the schools at present open in the borough. The work occupied 14 sessions. With the 428 children inspected in the autumn last year, 917 children of school age have been medically examined since the schools were re-opened. In addition to the routine inspections, 192 re-inspections of children found to have defects at the autumn inspections were made.

The ophthalmic clinics held by Dr. W. J. Dunlop have begun again and seven of the children found to have defective vision at the recent inspections have been given appointments. No regular dental clinics have been held so far this year, though treatment has been given in a few urgent cases. The treatment room will soon be ready for use and regular clinics will then be held.

SEA DRAMA

EDWARD G. ROBINSON AT KING'S

A stirring drama of the sea and a love story set in the tropics are the chief features at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

"The Sea Wolf," which heads the bill to-day and to-morrow, is a powerful story of life aboard the hellship Ghost, where "Wolf" Larsen (Edward G. Robinson) rules the lives of the men in his shanghaied crews. Into this milieu comes a frightened young girl who is fleeing from prison and a sensitive young author, picked up from the wreck of a San Francisco ferry. The impact of this pair upon the oddly assorted crew of the Ghost makes a dramatic and memorable story. A tender and highly unusual love story is woven through the powerful action, with Ida Lupino and John Garfield as the sweethearts. There is a full supporting programme.

"Law of the Tropics," a dramatic love story set in the slumbrous atmosphere of a tropical rubber plantation, is the chief feature for the latter part of the week. Jeffrey Lynn, in the role of a young rubber planter, is informed while on the way to meet his fiancee from the United States, that she is already married. He goes into a waterfront dive to forget his troubles and meets a singer, played by Constance Bennett. She listens to his story and suggests he marries her to avoid ridicule by the natives, and that she returns with him to the plantation as the girl he had set out to meet. Unknown to him, the reason for her suggestion is because the police are on her trail for a crime she is supposed to have committed in New York. From then on the story heads for a startling climax. The inner workings of the Detective Bureau of the American Police provide the exciting background for "Strange Alibi," with Arthur Kennedy and Joan Perry, which will also be shown.

A War Office casualty list reports that Pte. R. E. Siviour, The Buffs, has been killed and that Pte. S. B. Conrad, The Buffs, has died of wounds.

WESTGATE WOMAN

KILLED IN EXETER RAID

Mrs. Constance Bell, of Somerville, Westgate Bay-avenue, Westgate, widow of the late Mr. David Bell, was killed in the air raid on Exeter on Friday.

Mrs. Bell was in a house in which ten people were killed and it was not until Monday that her body was recovered.

Mrs. Bell, who left Westgate for Exeter in 1940, was a member of the Westgate and Birchington Golf Club and was also well known in local tennis, badminton and table tennis circles.

The funeral took place at Exeter on Wednesday, the Bishop of Exeter and the Dean of Exeter officiating.

The mourners were Mrs. M. Lockwood (sister) and Miss B. Lockwood (niece).

A memorial service to all those who lost their lives in the raid was held at Exeter Cathedral on Wednesday evening.

OPEN SCHOLARSHIP

WON BY RAMSGATE BOY

Ronald J. Rigden, of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, now evacuated to King Edward VI School, Stafford, has been awarded the Gibbs Open Scholarship in natural science, at Keble College, Oxford.

Last summer Rigden passed the Higher Schools examination of London University and was offered a State Bursary, but as he was then below the age of 17 he was not able to accept it.

When at home Rigden lived at Rhodesia, St. Luke's-road, Ramsgate, but owing to war conditions his parents are now living temporarily at Hawkhurst, Kent.

EX-LICENSEE'S GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. Edmund Lacey, a former licensee of the Foy Boat Hotel, Ramsgate, which has since been destroyed in an air raid, has celebrated his golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacey, who are now living at London-road, Teynham, were married at Milton Primitive Methodist Church.

A native of Borden, Mr. Lacey is 75 years of age and his wife, who was born at Sittingbourne, is three years his junior.

They spent many years in the licensed trade, occupying houses at Milton, Sittingbourne and Gravesend, as well as at Ramsgate, and have since been engaged in the fish trade.

They have two daughters.

SOME DELAY

The parents of a Westgate child evacuated to Staffordshire recently received from Mr. S. C. Willis, headmaster of St. Saviour's School, Westgate, who was then with the children in Staffordshire, a letter posted 14 months previously.

The letter was sent to inform the parents that their child was ill and explained the action which had been taken for its benefit.

BUTTERCUPS

RAMSGATE'S GOOD COLLECTION

The fine total of nearly £75 was realised by the sale of buttercup emblems organised by the Mayoress of Ramsgate, Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe, in aid of the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital.

The various wardens' posts helped materially. Those which collected the largest amounts were: E 19, £1 11s. 8d.; B 6, £1 6s. 10d.; A 1, £1 6s. 2d.; A 2, £1 0s. 4d.; D 14, 19s. 3d.; D 13, 19s. 2d.; and C 11, 18s. 10d.

N.F.S. collectors also did well, including Ellington, £3 11s. 9d.; Dame Janet, £2 3s. 5d.; and Dawson's, £1 0s. 10d.

Collections at the Odeon Theatre realised £8 3s. 7d., and at the King's Theatre £3 7s. 8d.

Among the individual collectors, Mr. March, of Chilton lane, led the way with £4 2s. 5d., closely followed by the Mayor with £3 3s.

Others were: Mrs. Todd, £2 15s. 10d.; Mrs. Ellistone, £2 13s. 8d.; Mrs. Hall, £2 11s. 3d.; Capt. Boultwood, £2 4s. 3d.; Mrs. Fiddyment, £2 4s. 2d.; Miss Le Gallais, £2 0s. 9d.; Mrs. Shelton, £2 0s. 9d.; Mrs. Nicholls, £2 0s. 5d.; Mrs Lock, £1 11s. 9d.; Mrs. L. Baker, £1 9s. 2d.; Nurse Howells, £1 6s. 8d.; Mr. Britton, £1 5s. 8d.; Mrs. Pook, £1 5s. 1d.; Miss Foster, £1 3s. 2d.; Miss Hales, £1 2s. 10d.; Mrs. Bickerton, £1 1s. 7d.; Mrs. Snapes, 19s. 7d.; Matron General Hospital, 19s. 3d.; Mrs. Willey, 18s. 11d.; Miss J. Hunt, 11s. 10d.; Miss G. Fenn, 10s. 7d.; Mrs Baker, 8s. 11d.; Miss Moys, 8s. 9d.; Mr. Green, 8s. 3d.; Mrs. Johncock, 6s. 6d.; Miss Mettam, 4s. 11d.

The Mayoress thanks all who helped to make the collection so successful.

The total of £74 3s. 2d. was £20 more than last year and Miss Joyce Wardle, appeal secretary of the hospital, thanking the Mayoress for the marvellous result, wrote: "You and your helpers must have worked with great energy and enthusiasm to have achieved such a total, and we feel here that the result reflects the greatest credit on your organisation and on the generosity of the public who have so many other calls on them in these days. Please accept our warmest thanks for all the time and trouble which you have expended on our behalf, and for your kindness in undertaking the organisation of our appeal in the midst of your many other activities. We do greatly appreciate your sympathy and co-operation in the work which we are doing for crippled children."

TEMPLARS' QUESTIONS

The weekly meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., held in the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, was presided over by the Lodge Deputy, Mr. T. E. McCabe, and those present included Pte. A. G. Baker, home on leave, and Mrs. R. Whiteley, who is paying a brief visit to her home.

A report on a visit to the Diamond Jubilee Juvenile Temple was given by a visitor, who expressed his pleasure at the work being carried on among the children.

Sympathy was expressed to Mrs. Miller in the loss of her son, Mr. C. Miller, who had passed away at the early age of 19.

Letters and greetings were received from absent friends, including Pte. R. Pointer, Mr. B. Whittle, Mr. M. D. Faulkner, and Mr. G. H. Castle.

A programme of questions on the Order and work as well as general knowledge was arranged by Mrs. L. A. Ware, Supt. of Educational Work, and provided an interesting and humorous evening.

The intercession service was conducted by the lodge chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W.

REFUSED TO OBEY ORDERS

RAMSGATE C.D. WORKERS DISCHARGED

On Easter Monday four men employed in Ramsgate Civil Defence Services were warned to get into light protective clothing, including gas masks, and proceed to a certain place to do some digging with pick and shovel.

The order was given in order that the men might accustom themselves to conditions under which they might be called on to work in the event of gas being used by the enemy.

The men refused, as they felt they were unable to do that class of work, especially with gas masks on.

Two days later the men were told to report to Clarendon House and hand in their equipment, and they were discharged.

At the request of Councillor J. B. Butler, who obtained the signatures of five other members, a special meeting of Council in committee was held at Clarendon House on Wednesday at which the matter was discussed.

Following a long discussion the Council passed, with one dissentient, a vote of confidence in the Medical Officer (Dr. J. V. Walker), who is responsible for the training of the Casualty Services and gave the order which eventually resulted in the discharge of the men.

BOMBED SCHOOL

REPAIRS PLAN STOPPED

The report of the Education Committee in committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Education Committee on Wednesday, stated that the Secretary (Mr. S. V. West) informed the committee of the circumstances under which the Board of Education were not prepared to sanction the proposal of the managers of St. Lawrence School to carry out full repairs to St. Lawrence Boys' School.

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ST. PETER'S WEDDING

Only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Porter, of Church-street, St. Peter's, Miss Winnie Florence Porter was married at St. Peter's Church on 25th April to Mr. Robert Henry Tranckle, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Tranckle, of Bertal-road, Tooting.

The Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith officiated.

Given away by her father, the bride was dressed in white taffeta, with veil and wreath of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of white carnations and iris.

She was attended by Miss Sylvia Porter (sister-in-law), who wore a dress of pink taffeta, and Miss Patricia Long (friend), who wore blue taffeta. Both wore silver headdresses and carried posies of daffodils and grape hyacinths.

Mr. Frank Tranckle acted as best man to his brother.

Following a reception at the home of the bride's parents, the newly married couple left for the honeymoon in London, the bride travelling in a navy blue costume with accessories to match.

APPRECIATION

When a Y.M.C.A. tea car driver in East Kent recently needed to use a roadside telephone callbox, she found she had no coppers.

As a soldier was just passing, she borrowed twopence from him. "I shan't be able to repay you in cash," she explained, "but if you'll have a cup of tea and a sandwich from the tea car, I'll be delighted." "Thank you very much," replied the soldier, "but I've received so many benefits from the Y.M.C.A. that the debt is mine, not yours." And he accepted nothing in return.

BROADSTAIRS

Organ Recital.—An organ recital is to be given by Mr. Bert French, A.R.C.O., at St. Peter's Church on Thursday. The recital is timed to begin at 7 p.m.

The Landlords.—Councillors F. Foster, H. Noble, B. J. Pearson and O. Robinson have been appointed the Housing Tenancies sub-committee of Broadstairs Council.

Allotment Appointment.—Mr. A. Barker, of North Foreland-road, has been appointed a co-opted member to fill a vacancy on Broadstairs Allotments Committee.

Valuation.—The Rating and Valuation Committee of Broadstairs Council considered 71 more proposals for the amendment of the valuation list at their April meeting.

Rubber Scrap.—As Salvage Officer, Broadstairs Council Surveyor, Mr. S. W. Richardson, has been authorised by the Council to do all he can to assist in the recovery of rubber scrap in the district.

Fire Station Tender.—The lowest of three received, the tender of O. Robinson and Sons, High-street, Broadstairs, to erect a temporary fire station at St. Peter's for the sum of £1,173, has been accepted by Broadstairs Council.

Engagement.—The engagement is announced of Miss Beryl Bridge, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Bridge, of High-street, Broadstairs, to Lt. H. G. Prodgers, Royal Sussex Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Prodgers, of Brighton.

No Wireless License.—Mrs. Ethel Tunna, aged 69, of Remembrance Cottage, Reading Street, St. Peter's, was fined £1 and ordered to pay 2s. costs at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, for failing to have a wireless license. Defendant said she bought her wireless set in 1939 but had never had a license. She hardly ever used it except to hear the news.

Out for Another Prize.—Having won a prize in the first national waste paper contest, Broadstairs has energetically entered for the second which begins this month and continues to the end of July. In the first contest Broadstairs won a £50 prize for collecting during January 23 tons 7 cwt. 1 qr., an average of 11·97 lbs. per head. Mr. S. W. Richardson, the Council Surveyor, is confident the town can do even better than that.

Committee Chairmen.—Committee chairmen appointed by Broadstairs Council for the next 12 months are: Finance—Councillor B. J. Pearson; Health and Housing and Waterworks—Councillor F. Foster; Highways, and Pleasure Grounds—Councillor B. Humphrey; General Purposes—Councillor E. K. Minter; Entertainments, Pier and Harbour—Councillor G. W. Lane; Rating and Valuation—Councillor H. Noble.

Black-out Offender.—At the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, Maud Grace Kay, of Albion-street, Broadstairs, was fined £2 for permitting a light to show at her flat after black-out on 15th April. The light was showing from a skylight on the top landing. Defendant said she arrived at the flat on 14th April and turned on the electricity at the main in the kitchen. When she left the flat in September the switch on the top landing was definitely in the "off" position

Lance-Corporals Wed.—A Canadian soldier, L/Cpl. Norman Victor Stoner, of Toronto, was married at St. Peter's Church on 25th April to Miss Hilda Rose Croft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Croft, of Wellesley Orchard, Upton, Broadstairs, who is serving as a lance-corporal in the A.T.S. The bride, given away by her father, was dressed in white satin with veil and wreath of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of narcissi and daffodils. She was attended by her sister, Miss Phyllis Croft and Miss K. Medhurst, both wearing the uniform of the A.T.S., in which they hold the rank of corporal. Mr. Albert Croft, brother of the bride, was best man.

Barnardo Flag Day.—Organised by the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie, a flag day at Broadstairs in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes realised £20 11s. 10d. The individual results were: Miss Vyse, 17s. 9d.; Miss Warren, 8s. 6d.; Mrs. Whiting, 4s. 3d.; Miss Jarman and Miss G. Jarman, £2 11s. 4d.; Miss Howard, 16s. 6d.; Miss M. Cowell, £1 3s. 2d.; Mrs. Ware, 14s. 7d.; Mrs. Pearle, 18s. 1d.; Miss W. Gilham, 12s. 9d.; Miss Markham, 19s. 7d.; Mrs. Wiggington, 13s. 6d.; Miss Holton, 10s. 6d.; Miss Darby and Miss Fowler, 19s. 7d.; Mrs. Goatham, £1 9s. 9d.; Miss Bridges, 7s. 5d.; Mrs. Woodin, 14s. 8d.; Mrs. Sizer, 13s. 10d.; Mrs. Beach, £1 7s.; Miss J. Golding, 19s.; Miss B. Bridges, 13s. 2d.; Mrs. Mann, 9s. 7d.; Mr. Beanham, 19s. 6d.; Miss Stevenson, 7s. 6d.; donation, £1.

MARGATE

Welfare Representative.—Councillor Mrs. Giles has been re-appointed Margate Education Committee's representative on the Kent Voluntary Association for Mental Welfare

More Children.—Since just before Easter the number of children attending part-time instruction at schools at Margate, Westgate and Birchington has risen from 797 to 924. The additional number is made up of children who have just reached school age and evacuees who have returned to the borough.

Exceeded the Limit.—At Chatham police court last week Thomas W. Port, of The Mulberry Tree Hotel, Margate, was fined £2 for exceeding the speed limit in a motor car at Watling-street, Gillingham. It was stated that the car was travelling at 45-50 miles per hour. Defendant said he had not been out of Margate for six months and was more intent on watching people in the road than his speedometer.

SUBSTANTIAL BALANCE

MARGATE WARSHIP WEEK ACCOUNTS

The expenses account in connection with the organisation of Margate Warship Week showed a balance of £272 19s. 2d. of income over expenditure.

The surplus is to be credited to the Local Savings Committee to help further the savings movement.

At a meeting of the Warship Week Committee, held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, messages of congratulation were read from Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lord Kindersley, president of the National Savings Movement, and the Regional Commissioner for National Savings.

Sir Kingsley Wood recorded special thanks to the donors of £281 forwarded as a free gift from the people of Margate towards replacing H.M.S. Thanet.

In his report the hon. secretary, Councillor H. G. Pedder, referring to the allocation of the balance, stated that the committee's work must go on and it might be that they would soon be requested by headquarters to open a war savings centre, which would mean additional expense, extra staff and office equipment.

The report stated that all sections of the townspeople rallied round the effort. The tradesmen co-operated splendidly and charges were almost invariably based on cost.

It was hinted that an airship week might be suggested for the autumn.

MEALS FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Ramsgate Education Committee have approved arrangements for the provision of meals for schoolchildren at the British Restaurants.

Payment will be made to the Communal Feeding Committee at the rate of 6d. per meal. The children, however, will only be charged 4d. per meal, and the difference of 2d. which will be paid by the Education Committee, will rank for Exchequer grant.

RAMSGATE

School Savings.—During Warship Week the sum of over £300 was raised in Ramsgate schools.

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at the Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices. Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Births and Deaths.—In March six boys and five girls were born at Ramsgate. The deaths were registered in the same month of six males and 11 females.

No More Bunks.—All available bunks for Anderson shelters in Ramsgate have now been distributed with the exception of a small number of children's bunks.

Overdraft.—The Borough Treasurer reported to the Finance Committee of Ramsgate Town Council last week that the net balance overdrawn at the bank was £54,486 6s. 5d.

Examination Fees.—In respect of pupils of St. George's Girls' School taking the Junior St. John Ambulance test, Ramsgate Education Committee have decided to pay examination fees not exceeding a guinea.

Foreman Gravedigger.—A member of Ramsgate cemetery staff for the past 19 years, Mr. Alfred Harris has been appointed foreman gravedigger at an inclusive salary of £3 12s. per week of 47 hours.

Templars' Scots Evening.—Mrs. Isaacs, C.T., presided at a "Scottish Evening" held by the Sunbeam Lodge of Good Templars at the Foresters' Hall, Ramsgate, on Wednesday. Miss Fryer and Mrs. Duncan sang Scottish songs and Miss Vince played Scottish melodies on the mandolin. The progamme was arranged by Mr. T. Wright.

Speeding Fine.—Summoned for driving a hackney carriage at an excessive speed in Watling-street, Gillingham, Ernest W. Spain, a fireman, of Rosebery-avenue, Ramsgate, was fined 20s. at Chatham on Monday and his license was endorsed. Defendant, who was followed by P/C Kimbell, K.C.C., said he slowed down from 40 miles per hour to 30 when he thought the restricted area began.

Husband Warned.—When Charles Henry Lumpkin, of Hollicondane road, failed to answer a summons at Ramsgate police court on Monday alleging that he was £5 9s. 6d. in arrears under a maintenance order in favour of his wife and child, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that the case would be adjourned for a week and if defendant did not then appear a warrant for his arrest would be issued.

MORE PRIZES

NEW WASTE PAPER DRIVE

The success of the £20,000 waste paper competition in January has led the Waste Paper Recovery Association to organise another, but on different lines, for the three months, May, June and July.

All local authorities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland have been divided into three groups—boroughs, urban and rural council areas—for three grades of competition.

Prize money totalling £10,000 will be distributed as follows: £2,500 to each group in seven prizes— namely, 1, £1,000; 2, £500; 3, £350; 4, £250; 5, £200; 6, £150; and 7, £50. The remaining £2,500 has been allocated to Scotland.

Disposal of the prizes is left to the successful authorities, but it is generally agreed that local charities will benefit. In the previous contest the prize money had to be divided between national and local charities.

The judges are Sir Vyvyan Board, chairman, Salvage and Recovery Board of the Ministry of Supply; Miss Megan Lloyd George, M.P.; and Mr. S. T. Garland, general manager, Waste Paper Recovery Association.

WINE FOR THE ARCHDEACON

Elevation to high office in either Church or State involves as a rule the payment of substantial fees to various legal officials and Dr. Temple, the new Primate, has probably had occasion to note this fact.

He can, however, congratulate himself that in these days newly appointed Archbishops are not expected to remunerate so lavishly as was formerly the case those who play a part in their enthronement. Old-time Archdeacons of Canterbury—who by age-long custom have the duty of enthroning all bishops in the Province of Canterbury—must have looked forward to these functions as providing them with no inconsiderable perquisites. Some of them certainly seem to have "done themselves well" on such occasions, for, according to one ancient volume which contains formulas for enthronement, the Archdeacon's "perks" included the horse, with saddle and bridle, on which the Bishop rode to the church, a silver cup of ten marks value, and hospitality and provision for himself and his retinue. It was also specially stipulated that a cup of the best wine was to be placed at the Archdeacon's bedside every night—presumably that he might, like Mrs. Gamp, put his lips to it when he felt so "disposed"!

THE BEST COUPON INVESTMENT

Rationing has decreed that only the barest sufficiency of clothes can be bought in any one given period, and if we are to ensure that our clothes will see us through the extra months they will have to be worn, the utmost consideration must be taken to see that the few purchases we make are definitely the most suitable for their particular purpose. Not only must the clothes we buy be the last word in serviceability, but they must also be tasteful enough to be worn constantly without our tiring of them. The wisest way of investing the few coupons at our disposal is to buy the finest quality clothes procurable, as these always pay in the long run, and women are well advised to do so now before the present stocks are exhausted.

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If, however, you find it impossible to visit Messrs. Debenham and Freebody's personally, you can still have all your requirements carefully attended to, for the mail order department will render you the same high standard of service given to the personal shopper. But when sending an enquiry it should be accompanied with sufficient coupons to cover one garment of the type which is asked for, when a selection as comprehensive as possible will be sent on approval.

Black-out To-day 10.13 p.m.—5.39 a.m.

OFFICIALS' BONUS

BROADSTAIRS COUNCIL HOLD OUT AGAINST NEW SCALE

Broadstairs Council are seeking further information concerning the new flat rate cost of living bonus for officials, adopted by the National Joint Council to apply from 1st April in place of the percentage scheme in operation prior to that date.

Following the decision of the Council to take no action regarding the recommendation of the Southern Home Counties Provincial Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services, the Finance Committee last week received a letter from the Divisional Officer of the National Association of Local Government Officers asking that it might have further consideration.

The letter drew attention to the fact that the decisions of the Joint Industrial Council for Manual Workers are always honoured by the Council and submitted that national agreements affecting the staff should be equally respected.

Arbitration Hint.

After pointing out that the new scale has been adopted by local authorities throughout the country, including the Town Councils of Ramsgate and Margate, the letter stated that "the denial of the appropriate scale of living increases constitutes a dispute which might, with advantage, be referred to arbitration under the Industrial Courts Act, 1919." It was urged, however, that before such a step is taken the Council should further consider the question with a view to agreeing to the adoption of the appropriate scale.

Under this scale, junior officers under 21 receive a bonus of 6s. 6d. a week (male) and 5s. (female); adult officers whose normal remuneration does not exceed £500 a year receive 13s. a week (male) and 10s. (female); adult officers whose normal remuneration exceeds £500 receive a bonus of £2 a month.

The Extra Cost.

When considering the letter the Finance Committee were informed that 12 members of the staff were at present in receipt of a cost of living bonus, the cost of which is £270 7s. 5d. a year; that if the new scale were adopted three of these officers would not receive any increase in bonus, and that if the new scale were applied to officers now in receipt of a bonus the additional cost would be £212 8s. 7d.

The committee were also informed that if the new scale were applied to all the members of the staff, increasing the number to 37, the total cost would be £1,031 8s. a year.

The report presented by the Finance Committee to the Council on Monday stated that "discussion ensued," following which it was moved by Councilsor G. W. Lane and seconded by Councillor B. Humphrey:

Putting it to the Ministry.

That further consideration of the letter, now submitted, be deferred for one month and that, in the meantime, the Clerk be directed to obtain, for the information of the committee, the undermentioned particulars—

(a) The views of the Minister of Health in regard to the adoption of the new scale of cost of living increases by local authorities throughout the country, and particularly by local authorities which are receiving financial assistance from the Government;

(b) The views of the Minister of Health as to whether the Council would be justified in refusing to refer to arbitration the question of the adoption of the new scale;

(c) Particulars of the salaries and cost of living bonus (if any) now being paid to their staffs by local authorities in this part of the country whose area and population is comparable to that of this urban district;

(d) The reason why the Southern Home Counties Provincial Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical, Professional and Clerical Services, in formulating their recommendations as to the grading, classification and salaries, have not provided for various grades of local authorities in the same manner as the Joint Industrial Council for Manual Workers.

It was moved as an amendment by Councillor O. Robinson and seconded by Councillor E. K. Minter:

That a cost of living bonus on the new scale be paid to those members of the Council's staff who are now in receipt of a cost of living bonus, with effect from 1st April, 1942.

Upon being put to the meeting (stated the report) the amendment was declared to be lost, only the proposer and seconder voting in favour thereof. The original motion was then put to the meeting and declared to be carried, Councillors Minter and Robinson voting against.

Grading Suggestion.

When the report of the Finance Committee was presented at the monthly meeting of the Council on Monday, Councillor Minter said he intended voting against the recommendation that the matter should be referred back for another month. It was not fair to the officers, who had had a great deal of extra work thrown on them as a result of the war.

Councillor G. W. Lane said the recommendation did not mean that the Council were against paying the bonus. The position was that certain information was required about who it was going to affect. It had also been suggested that towns should be graded. He was strongly in favour of the bonus being granted but he also wanted the information they were asking for.

Councillor Minter: We have had the figures before.

Councillor B. Humphrey said he was not one of those people who were prepared to sit down and be dictated to by a body of which he knew nothing. It was clearly set out in the minutes that they required certain information. Whether, having got the information, they decided to grant the bonus, was a matter for the Council.

On being put to the vote the recommendation was adopted, only Councillor Minter voting against.

INSPECTING OFFICER VISITS A.T.C.

The District Inspecting Officer for Kent, Sqn. Ldr. W. J. Martin-Tomson, visited the Thanet Squadron of the Air Training Corps last week when he had a conference with the Commanding Officer, Flt. Lt. R. Spratling, and the Adjutant, Flg. Off. F. A. Burgess.

In the evening the inspecting officer visited the new Minster flight of the A.T.C. and expressed satisfaction with the progress being made.

He also saw the cadets at work in Ramsgate and Margate.

The Menace of Bureaucracy

WHEN THE WAR IS OVER

By DOUGLAS GOLDRING

As we all know, or ought to know, the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. This vigilance must be maintained, even while our thoughts and energies are concentrated on the task of beating Hitler. Otherwise we shall run considerable risk, when the war is over, of losing many of the things we are fighting to preserve. The enemies of freedom are not only external. Unhappily they exist in our midst and among the most dangerous of them must be numbered bureaucracy.

When the war is over it is evident that, if starvation and chaos are to be avoided, very great changes will have to be made in our economic system. Some have already been introduced as war-time measures and more will certainly be necessary before victory is achieved. In the period of reconstruction it will be the duty of whatever government may be in power to introduce some form of "planned economy." The task of putting these plans into operation will fall upon the permanent officials of the Civil Service.

We must, therefore, look forward to an even larger army of inspectors, even bigger battalions of bureaucrats and even greater attempts to exercise power without responsibility than those to which war conditions have accustomed us. It is essential that as citizens of a free country we should be on the alert to check this insidious and ever-growing menace, and that we should insist that our Members of Parliament are active in maintaining all the legal and constitutional safeguards we have evolved to keep the bureaucracy from encroaching on our rights. The fact that it has become inescapably necessary for us to put our economic house in order is no reason why we should allow Civil Servants to develop into autocratic bosses. The House of Commons, the courts of justice, and the democratically elected local government authorities are the main strongholds of our liberties. If we allow their powers to be usurped, impaired or curtailed when peace returns, we shall only have ourselves to thank for the consequences.

The Permanent Official.

No one would wish to deny, or even cast doubts, upon the many good and admirable qualities of the Civil Service: no one would be foolish enough to suggest that our permanent officials are not models of integrity and inspired by a high sense of public duty. The defects of the service, which the strains of the war effort have made so alarmingly apparent, are the defects of a system which has remained substantially unchanged since the days when Dickens satirised the Circumlocution Office. Once a Civil Servant has passed his qualifying examination, promotion is merely a matter of seniority. He cannot be discharged for inefficiency and when he rises in rank he is not in a position to dismiss incompetent subordinates. He is, in fact, and is rightly described as, a "permanent official," and the heads of the service form the permanent government of the country.

Ministers come and go, may flit from one important Cabinet post to another, but the heads of the respective departments go on for ever. However able a minister may be, however keenly he may desire to earn the gratitude of his compatriots by a display of efficiency, he is hopelessly handicapped by the fact that he has not the power to promote those senior members of his staff whom he considers most competent to assist him in carrying out reforms. Astounding as it may seem, no senior official can be promoted on the recommendation of a minister without the consent of his service chief.

In his book, "The New Despotism," Lord Chief Justice Hewart writes, "Of all methods of administration, that is the worst whereby real power is in the hands of one set of persons, while public responsibility belongs to another set of persons."

In a speech in the House of Lords on the war-time administration of departments, Lord Perry pointed out that instead of seizing power by arbitrary action, the bureaucrats have usurped it by Act of Parliament. "This," he observed, "was clearly and concisely condemned by Sir John Marriot when he said: 'It is my profound conviction that the prevailing and increasing disposition on the part of the British Parliament to confer upon the executive quasi-judicial and quasi-legislative functions is wholly mischievous and ought to be resisted.' Parliament is passing ever-increasing legislation, couched in general terms, and leaving it to the departments to work out detailed regulations necessary to give effect to the Statutes. These regulations have all the force of law." In one year of war more than 2,000 Statutory Orders were issued.

Bad Business Methods.

Examples of the most childish ignorance of normal business procedure shown by the Civil Service since the outbreak of war could be multiplied indefinitely. The cost-plus-percentage form of contract adopted by Government departments is, perhaps, the most notorious of them. The rule that in factories engaged on Government work an employer might, for disciplinary reasons, suspend a man from work but that he must continue to pay his wages, seems to show an equal innocence in regard to the peculiarities of human nature.

In no Department, however, is the irresponsible power of the permanent official displayed more alarmingly than in the Foreign Office. Over and over again statements made by ambassadors and actions taken by the Foreign Office have been totally at variance with the wishes of the people and the supposed intentions of the Government.

When the war is over a new Parliament will be elected, new ministers appointed, and new measures introduced, which may involve drastic changes in our whole economic system. Whatever form these measures may take, it will be the duty of the Civil Service to carry them out. If they show the slightest departure from established tradition it is, to say the least, unlikely that the permanent officials of the Treasury will approve of them. It is, in fact, more than probable that a battle will have to be fought, between the House of Commons and the brass hats of the bureaucratic army. Only if they understand the situation, realise how much is at stake and how gravely our liberties are threatened by bureaucratic pretensions will the people win it.

MANSTON

In Bath Raids.—Miss Gladys White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. White, of 4 High-street, Manston, who was in Bath during the German "reprisal" raids at the week-end, has returned home to spend a few days holiday with her parents.

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(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

The one topic of discussion in the district during the week has been the recent shelling of Ramsgate, the Mayor's protest, and the attitude of the Member for Thanet. In a letter published in the "Daily Mail" the Mayor (Alderman T. S. Chayney) wrote: "Recently the municipal authorities in the Isle of Thanet took the constitutional course of waiting on the Admiralty and loyally accepted some assurances then given. Since then the bombardments have been repeated. I certainly think the time has now arrived when a searching enquiry should take place as to the circumstances in which these repeated bombardments are made possible in the interests not only of Ramsgate, but also of the country generally, without regard for the rank or position of those responsible for the safety of the south-east coast. I demand, on behalf of those I have the honour to represent, the due recognition of the geographical position of Ramsgate during the war on the part of the responsible authorities." At the inquest on those who lost their lives in the bombardment—Miss Ivy Edith Thorncroft and Mr. John Hobday—the jury added the following rider: "The jury request unanimously that the Coroner will forward to the proper authorities a representation to ask whether, in view of the recurrence of these bombardments, additional protection could not be afforded to this part of the Kentish coast." In a speech at Ramsgate, Thanet's M.P., Lt.-Cdr. Norman Craig, K.C., stated that the duty of the people remaining behind in Thanet was to suffer and be still, and the duty had been bravely borne by the people of Thanet.

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The man who deserves our warmest thanks at the moment is the bathing machine proprietor, for it will be noted from the annual licensing meeting at Ramsgate this week that the owner of the ancient beach vehicle had applied for licenses for a hundred machines. He evidently expects that sea-bathing will take place during the season. He is a man to whom we look with grateful hearts, for there is hope for Ramsgate if a hundred of these historic wheeled boxes decorate the sands during 1917. Such a man, bringing a ray of comfort and hope into a somewhat dull outlook, is a public benefactor.

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The fishing community of Ramsgate have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. William Norris Fennell, who for a period of nearly 30 years was Master of the Sailors' Home. A smacksman in his earllier years, Mr. Fennell acted as instructor in navigation at the local Technical Schools.

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A Russian flag day will be held in Ramsgate on 12th May, in aid of the English hospital in Petrograd.

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The quietness of Broadstairs is soon to be pleasantly broken by the occupation of the Grand Hotel, which has been vacant almost since the outbreak of hostilities. The hotel will be used as a hospital for Canadian officers.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

WEDDING FIASCO

A ridiculous fiasco occurred at Ramsgate Salvation Army barracks on Monday. For some days previously large posters had been displayed on the hoardings, and many handbills had been circulated, announcing a "Holiness Meeting and Great S.A. Wedding." It was apparently quite a fashionable function, seeing that the contracting parties were announced to be Capt. S. Cockerton and Capt. May George, evidently persons of some importance in "the Army." Then followed the legend "Tickets 3d., 2d. and 1d. Be sure and come." We are assured that a great many people did come. The hall was in fact filled to suffocation with a very mixed audience, anxious to see how Salvationists take to matrimony. The hour came and with it the happy, or unhappy bridegroom. There was much salaaming, and many apparently heartfelt religious salutations were indulged in. Cymbals clashed, drums were beat, and trumpets blared. But the fair, and presumably not faint-hearted Capt. May George never appeared. With all due poetic licence, while the bridegroom stood dangling his helmet and plume, a telegram arrived from the bride to the effect that she didn't love the other captain sufficiently well to marry him. Most of the people will probably think the reason sufficiently cogent; not so the expectant crowd, who went away in a by no means religious frame of mind.

NO SUNDAY MUSIC

A public meeting was held at Broadstairs on Tuesday for the purpose of engaging the band of the 4th Batt. Oxfordshire Light Infantry for the coming season. The terms were £25 weekly for a six-day week. Mr. Butterfield said that before the resolution was put he would like to propose an amendment that the band should also give their services on a Sunday. It was highly necessary that they should have music on Sunday; therefore unless the band were willing to render their music on Sunday as well as on weekdays, he moved that their services be not engaged. Mr. Dray seconded and said it would be greatly appreciated by visitors. It was only an old-fashioned notion not having music on Sundays. Mr. Emery said he was decidedly opposed to the amendment. Broadstairs was a residential watering place; they did not want a lot of excursionists in the town. After some discussion the amendment was defeated.

OFF TO OTTAWA

CAPT. BALFOUR'S ASSURANCE

Capt. Harold Balfour, M.C., Under-Secretary for Air, has assured his Thanet constituents that during his absence in Ottawa, where he is to head the British delegation at the air training conference of the United Nations, all constituency matters will still be dealt with on his behalf.

In a letter to the civic chiefs of the Thanet towns, Capt. Balfour writes:

"You will have seen the announcement, made in the House of Commons by the Deputy Prime Minister, that I am to lead the British delegation to the forthcoming Air Training conference at Ottawa of the United Nations battling against the common enemy. For security reasons I cannot say exactly when I shall be leaving, but it will be in the fairly near future. I do not expect the conference should take more than two or three weeks.

"I send you this note to assure you and through you any of my constituents who may make the inquiry, that during my absence on this duty all constituency matters and individual cases will continue to be dealt with on my behalf if these are sent, as at present, personally to me at the House of Commons or at the Air Ministry.

"It is interesting to know that, even though our population has been so reduced through war causes, I still have a steady stream of cases invoking my assistance—not only from the Isle of Thanet, but from those of my constituents who have been evacuated to other parts of England and whose return to their homeland I look forward to seeing when victory is ours."

FEATHERED SPITFIRE

With a bullet hole in the side of the cockpit near his head, and a "flak" hole in his right wing, a Czech Spitfire pilot returned to his base safely the other day after an attack on enemy positions in the Le Touquet area with his aircraft covered with feathers.

He had run into about 50 seagulls when he was flying over the sea, and many had been killed by striking the radiator.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Earnshaw.—27th April, at 31 Poets corner, Margate, the wife of Cyril Earnshaw, of a son.

Solly.—20th April, at Paxton Park, St. Neot's, Huntingdonshire, the wife of Gnr. Albert Solly, of Ramsgate, of a daughter.

Walker.—23rd April, at Grappenhall, Cheshire, the wife of Lt. W. S. Walker, R.A.S.C., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Shields—Booth.—25th April, at Holy Trinity Church, Margate, H. B. Shields to Winifred Marguerite Booth, both of Margate.

Smith—Baker.—25th April, at All Saints Church, Birchington, Sglmn. D. W. Smith, of Dover, to Edith Baker, of Birchington.

Stoner—Croft.—25th April, at St. Peter's Church, by the Rev. R. D. D'E. Meredith, L/Cpl. Norman V. Stoner, of Toronto, to Hilda Rose Croft, of Broadstairs.

Summers—Emptage.—26th April, at St. John's Church, Margate, Cecil Owen Summers to Mabel Violet Emptage, both of Margate.

Todd—Ward.—25th April, at St. Peter's Church, Thanet, Leslie Todd, of Margate, to Marjorie Ward, of Kingsgate.

Tranckle—Porter.—25th April, at St. Peter's Church, by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, Robert Henry Tranckle, of Tooting, London, to Winnie Florence Porter, of St. Peter's.

DEATHS

Church.—27th April, at Redhill County Hospital, Catherine Church, formerly of Ramsgate, in her 67th year.

March.—26th April, at 5 Syndale-place, Ramsgate, Eliza Jane March, aged 84 years.

RETURN THANKS

The sons and daughters of the late Eliza Jane March wish to thank friends and neighbours for kind sympathy and floral tributes; also the doctor and nurses for kind attention, and Mr. W. H. Maskell for funeral arrangements.—5 Syndale-place, Ramsgate.

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